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Libel battle ahead as Major allows Neil Hamilton to stay on and fight for his reputation

Minister quits in 'cash for questions' row

BILL BATCHELOR



Neil Hamilton with his wife Christine yesterday. He denies accepting money for Commons questions, but admits staying at the Ritz in Paris

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major was reeling last night from renewed allegations of sleaze that resulted in one minister resigning from the Government and left another fighting to save his career.

On the Government's blackest day for months, the Prime Minister swiftly accepted the decision of Tim Smith, one of two ministers accused of tabling Commons questions for cash, to quit after admitting that he received money and did not declare it at the right time.

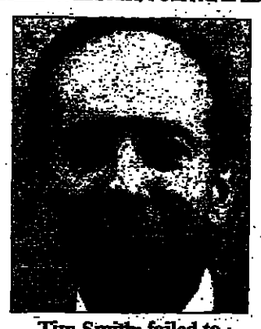
Mr Major told Mr Smith that his actions had been "clearly wrong". But he allowed Neil Hamilton, the Corporate Affairs Minister, to stay at his post Mr Hamilton strenuously denies the allegations and last night issued a writ against the newspaper that published them.

Senior ministers and Tory MPs were dismayed by the latest disclosures, which were raised in the Commons late on Wednesday night after they had appeared in *The Guardian* newspaper. They believe that the revelations had damaged further the Government's reputation for probity and derailed Mr Major's campaign to improve standards in public life.

With the Government's credibility again on the line, Tony Blair provoked thunderous Labour cheers in the Commons when he said that the Government "is becoming tainted".

The claims repeated in the Commons were that Mr Hamilton and Mr Smith both accepted payments for promoting the interests of Mohamed Al-Fayed in his struggle with Tiny Rowland, his business rival, for control of Harrods.

Mr Major revealed that he had learnt of the allegations against the two men three weeks ago and had asked Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, to conduct a thorough investigation. He then stunned the Commons by stating that he had made it clear at the time that he was not prepared to "come to any arrangement" with Mr Al-Fayed. The claims originated from Mr Al-Fayed but were delivered by an intermediary.



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The remarks drew gasps in the Commons and MPs assumed that Mr Major was suggesting that Mr Al-Fayed was threatening blackmail. Downing Street denied this, *saying that Mr Major had* merely been telling the intermediary that although the allegations had been made privately they would have to be investigated and the results made known.

It is understood that Sir Robin's inquiry covered allegations beyond those relating to Mr Smith and Mr Hamilton. According to Westminster sources some of the allegations were "wild" and a minister more senior than either Mr Smith or Mr Hamilton was mentioned.

Sir Robin was due to conclude his inquiry by today. *The Times* has learnt that ministers had decided that Mr Smith would have to go even before the disclosures of Wednesday night.

But Sir Robin's inquiry is also understood to have accepted Mr Hamilton's case that he took no payments for *tabling parliamentary questions* relating to the Harrods takeover. In the eyes of Tory *MPs the most damaging as*pect of the disclosures against Mr Hamilton were that he had spent a week at the Ritz Hotel, Paris, at Mr Al-Fayed's expense.

Mr Hamilton accepts he did that. But, according to Downing Street, those allegations were investigated by the Committee on Members' Interests which had accepted his explanation.

The committee made clear last night that no formal investigation had taken place. It had not considered the visit to Paris, but comments that Mr Hamilton had made about it. Downing Street accepted the committee's correction.

Conservative MPs are divided over the wisdom of Mr Hamilton staying on. A legal case could drag on, providing a constant reminder of the Government's sleaze troubles. The affair seems certain to go before the Commons privileges committee, ensuring that it stays in the public eye.

Several ministers and MPs believe that Mr Hamilton should have stood down, and eased Mr Major's position. *But the Prime Minister and* members of the 1922 executive took the view that it would have been wrong for Mr Hamilton to be driven from office as a result of what may be false allegations.

Mr Hamilton released a statement, which made clear that he did not deny an involvement with Mr Al-Fayed, but rejected claims that he had been paid to do so.

Mr Major told the Commons: "He has written to me explicitly refuting the allegations that he was paid any money either to ask questions or undertake any activity whatsoever on behalf of Mr Al-Fayed. He has announced that he will be instituting legal proceedings seeking damages for libel. I have made it clear that I am determined

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Why Fayed turned on 'pinstripe parasites'

BY ANGELA MACKAY AND NIGEL WILLIAMSON

MOHAMED Al-Fayed's decision to disclose the names of MPs whom he alleges he paid in return for political favours appears to flow from a Home Office refusal to grant British citizenship to his brother, Ali.

The Egyptian-born businessman has also made an application for citizenship, but no decision has been reached. Mr Al-Fayed's belief that his brother's claim was stymied at ministerial level appears to have triggered his quest to expose government "parasites in pinstripes".

Ali, who is married to an Englishwoman, applied for citizenship early last year. The fact that his three children are also British citizens made the Home Office refusal even more difficult to understand. Mohamed, who like his brother was born in Alexandria, made his application in the summer, so he is not yet eligible for acceptance.

A spokesman for the brothers said: "We know Ali Fayed's application for citizenship has been stalled at ministerial level for some unknown reason. All the Fayeds want is fair play and British justice." The spokesman dismissed any suggestion that the Fayeds had offered the Government a "deal" involving citizenship in return for silence on the "cash for questions" issue: "We're not in that sort of business."

However, the Fayeds accept it is possible that an intermediary might have acted on their behalf.



Fayed: anger over bar on citizenship

Mohamed Al-Fayed met his lobbyist, Ian Greer, chairman of Ian Greer and Associates, in Knightsbridge on September 22 when citizenship and the cash paid to MPs for asking parliamentary questions was discussed.

The spokesman said: "If anyone chose to act as an intermediary with Downing Street, it was without our knowledge".

As far as Mr Al-Fayed is concerned, the duplicity of his former friends in government has been revealed. Those who had accepted his largesse and hospitality did not move to grant this one small favour. Mr Al-Fayed, however, is an indefatigable fighter. Witness his monumental battle with the Government and Tiny Rowland over the House of Fraser and its flagship store, Harrods. The end of that conflict has left Mr Al-Fayed in a vacuum and his energy has found a new outlet now that his former friends have failed to meet the request for citizenship. His new avowed aim is to root out corruption in government.

Mr Al-Fayed, of course, is familiar with the business of trading favours — it is the way of the world in the Levant. What he finds difficult to understand is why his barter system has not been taken seriously. His former friends obviously considered him a capricious, colourful foreigner happy to be photographed in a grocer's hat. Unlike Mr Rowland, they did not recognise his ruthlessness, cunning and tenacity. Nor, did they take account of just how vengeful someone so sensitive could be when roused.

But Mr Al-Fayed's new set of friends showed their colours yesterday. Mr Rowland lunched with his old foe and later issued a statement supporting his mission.

Some of Mr Rowland's sympathy stems from his own inability to penetrate the magic circle, but most must stem from his loathing of the Tory Government which he also believes betrayed him throughout the war over the House of Fraser.

Cook given foreign post

Tony Blair has completed a reshuffle of his shadow Cabinet, with Robin Cook taking over foreign affairs and Jack Straw, who masterminded his leadership campaign, home affairs. Margaret Beckett was given the middle ranking health job ..... Page 12

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Fault stops Eurostar in its tracks

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

EUROSTAR, the £24-million train which from next month will take passengers through the Channel Tunnel from London to Paris in three hours, suffered a public relations nightmare yesterday.

A "technical fault" left 400 journalists, invited to enjoy the new service, standing on a Waterloo platform for an hour. Another train was hurried into service but by the time it arrived, the damage to the gleaming, new train's reputation had been done.

Only last week Jim Butler, the chairman of European Passenger Services, the operator, said: "Eurostar will bring in a new golden age of railways." That age eluded journalists disconsolately sipping coffee and queuing for croissants at Waterloo.

However, there was better news when the train eventually departed.

It shaved 10 minutes off the London-Paris run, setting a new record for the service.

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Israel draws up rules to segregate Arabs and Jews

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

AN EMERGENCY session of the Israeli Cabinet yesterday responded to Wednesday's bomb attack in Tel Aviv with a draconian package of security measures that effectively seal off Arab areas from the Jewish heartland.

The measures, which are designed to stop more suicide attacks and to prevent the frail peace process between Israel and the PLO from collapsing, will see Israel recruiting non-Arab employees to replace the *thousands of Palestinians* who travel daily to work in Israel.

The move caused despair among leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, who are already trying to tackle 50 per cent unemployment in Gaza, and dashed hopes that the peace process would lead to greater integration of Arabs and Jews.

Meeting in Tel Aviv, close to the scene of the Hamas attack in which 21 Jews and the Arab bomber died, the Cabinet announced an indefinite closure of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Apart from an immediate decision to recruit 1,500 extra policemen, secrecy was imposed on the other measures to be taken against Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement. The group's leadership in Gaza said yesterday that more suicide attacks would be carried out on Jewish targets.

Israeli security sources claimed that the new measures include internment without trial, the expulsion of ring leaders and their families, and the destruction of the homes of suspects. Moshe Shahal, the Police Minister, said Israel would also try to cut off funds sent to Hamas from Iran and Arab groups in the United States.

A clampdown on the recruitment of Hamas followers outside mosques in the occupied West Bank is planned. One security expert said helicopter raids into Gaza would be allowed if further suicide attacks took place.

The moves will prevent at least 65,000 residents of Gaza from working in Israel, and may boost local support for Hamas, which is estimated at more than 30 per cent.

To emphasise the permanence of the attempt to divide the two races, the Israeli Cabinet said the number of foreign workers from non-Arab states such as Thailand and Romania would be increased. Traditionally, Palestinians have provided the backbone of Israel's agriculture and construction industries.

The new measures will be enormously popular with Jews. An opinion poll yesterday in *Yediot Ahronot*, the Tel Aviv daily newspaper, showed 85 per cent support for a total entry ban on Palestinians from Gaza and Jericho.

Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, who was last week named as a joint winner of the Nobel Peace Prize for his treaty with the PLO, said: "We cannot keep having this mixture of Jews and Arabs. There has to be a separation, not just a technical closure."

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Middle-East visit

John Major will visit Israel next March. The invitation was issued when he met Yitzhak *Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minis*ter, in London on Tuesday.

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Purple locks and sartorial psychedelia in the House of the absurd

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Hallucinogens, once taken, can return to grip the brain years after the event: the phenomenon is called "flashback". All at once, "reality" spins out of control. Here, then, is a warning: if in youth you have ever experimented with any kind of mind-altering drug, never become a parliamentary sketchwriter.

There are days at the House of Commons when the atmosphere turns so weird that the whole concept of a real world slips from the grasp of anyone who has once known what it is to let go. For all it seems to matter, the trees outside might be crimson, the sky yellow or the MPs green.

Yesterday was such a day. My tenuous hold on reality was not helped by the observation that Joe Ashton (Lab, Bassetlaw) had purple hair. What has given his normally whiteish locks their mauvish undertone was unclear, but it was a colour I have seen before only on elderly Tory ladies. Was it something I had taken — or something he had? Shaking myself in disbelief, I looked across at the Tory benches. Cheryl Gillan (Chesham & Amersham) was wearing a psychedelic tartan jacket over a primrose shirt and bright green skirt. I gave up on reality.

This was wise, for what followed can only have been a dream. As the Prime Minister entered the Chamber for PM's Questions, Dennis Skinner shouted: "Give 'em the money, Barney." If that flashback to Wilfred Pickles on the Light Programme's *Have a Go* dates Mr Skinner, it dates Mr Major, too: the PM tried — and failed — to suppress a grin at Skinner. At least it might have been Skinner. Or it could have been at the row of Labour MPs on the rear bench, waving £10 notes in a synchronised flutter.

Or was I dreaming? Pale but composed — almost spectral — Tony Blair rose, his three-pronged question written out in red ink on a sheaf of paper beside him. It was all about sleaze, and the latest allegations against two Tory MPs. He asked his question and resumed his seat. Up leapt Mr Major.

And now, surely, I was dreaming? The Prime Minister seemed to be saying that he had been approached some time ago with Mr Al-Fayed's allegations, but in private. "I made it absolutely clear at that time that I was not prepared to come to any arrangement with Mr Al-Fayed. I made it absolutely clear that I was not; and that these matters would be fully investigated immediately."

Again I shook my head. What could this mean? Was it one of those off-the-cuff stumbles that seemed to imply something quite unintended? Mr Major appeared to be reading from his notes.

There was a howl of surprise. MPs were taking this seriously. I blinked in disbelief. Disbelief was compounded when Elizabeth Peacock (C, Batley & Spen) chose this moment to advise the Prime Minister to bring in a system of compulsory identity cards. These might help, I suppose. One might want to check a fellow's claim that he was a Conservative MP before handing him suitcase full of used fivers. Only at the end did a sense of normality reassert itself. A Labour MP, John McAllion, quoted reports that when in Downing Street Mrs Thatcher used British Intelligence to spy on members of her own Cabinet.

Nothing strange about that. We had all assumed it. It seemed too plausible to mention. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, one would surely have presumed it. It was obvious.

From the assembled Commons came a collective roar of disbelief.

Hamilton backers reject claims of improper actions

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NEIL Hamilton's friends at Westminster yesterday rejected accusations that he had behaved improperly as a backbencher by accepting cash for parliamentary questions on behalf of Harrods during the Lonhro and House of Fraser controversy.

They said that he had received no money for tabling the questions: that he had tabled them because of his concern at the damage Tiny Rowland, the Lonrho chief was doing to the Government; and that on becoming the Minister for Corporate Affairs in 1992 he had behaved with total probity in regard to Mohamed Al-Fayed, the owner of Harrods.

His friends conceded that, as a backbencher, he and his wife Christine had enjoyed a week-long, all-expenses paid stay at Mr Al-Fayed's Ritz hotel in Paris. But they denied he had been supplied with a chauffeur-driven car and they dismissed as "ludicrous and absurd" the allegation that he and Mrs Hamilton had enjoyed a free shopping expedition at Harrods at the invitation of Mr Al-Fayed.

Their detailed rebuttal of most of the claims against him came as the member for Tatton issued a libel writ against *The Guardian* over its report of the allegations.

They said that Mr Hamilton had got to know Mr Al-Fayed in his capacity as an officer of the backbench Tory trade and industry committee from 1983-90. A lunch at Harrods for Tory MPs was arranged by Sir Peter Hordern, a senior Tory MP and consultant to the store, and Mr Hamilton was one of the guests.

Mr Hamilton's friends said that at the time he and other Conservatives were incensed at the trouble Mr Rowlands was making for the Government over Mark Thatcher's alleged role in the placing of a construction contract in Oman in 1983.

One said: "Neil decided to do what he could to redress the damage that Rowlands was doing to the Government so he put down some questions, just as any MP would. He sought no funds and neither was he given any funds for putting down the questions."

The stay at the Ritz happened after Mr Al-Fayed, whom he had got to know well, invited him and other MPs to Paris to show off his new villa in the Bois de Boulogne. The mansion at one time had belonged to the Duke of Windsor. Although the initial invitation fell through, Mr Hamilton later took Mr Al-Fayed up on his "repeated" invitations, which included the offer of staying in his private rooms at the Ritz.

The Hamiltons were driving to southeastern France and stopped off at the Ritz en route. They did not stay in the private rooms. The chauffeur-driven car was provided only for the visit to the villa. Otherwise, they used their own car.

On his promotion to the Department of Trade and Industry in 1992, Mr Hamilton received a fulsome letter of congratulation from Mr Al-Fayed. His friends said that he did not reply because he had been advised by the DTI solicitors not to do so.

Mr Al-Fayed was taking legal action against the department in the European Court of Human Rights over an earlier highly critical DTI report on his business methods.

Last night, Mr Hamilton was backed by Edward Leigh, a former ministerial colleague in the DTI. Mr Leigh said: "Neil Hamilton has made his position absolutely clear. He has denied any wrong-doing. He should certainly not resign."

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RESIGNATION LETTERS

DEAR PRIME MINISTER,

Earlier this week you asked the Chief Whip and the Cabinet Secretary to speak to me about allegations that had been made recently about my involvement with Mr Mohamed Al-Fayed. As I explained to them, I was introduced to Mr Al-Fayed in 1986. I believed he had legitimate concerns about Mr Rowland's attacks on him, and agreed to help him.

I raised some of these concerns in Parliamentary Questions and in an adjournment debate. Mr Al-Fayed paid me fees. I ended this relationship with him in 1989. Shortly before then, I made an appropriate entry in the Register of Members' Interests.

I should emphasise that, while I did have a business relationship with Mr Al-Fayed, I included the payments I received when I drew up my tax returns; and the relationship lasted for a limited period only.

But, I acknowledge, I did not declare all the necessary information in the Register of Members' Interests until close to the end of my consultancy, and I should have done so before then. And, during this period, I did raise Al-Fayed issues in the House of Commons. However, there was no deliberate intention to conceal.

Nonetheless, I realise that these circumstances may be misinterpreted to the damage both of myself and of the Government. I offer you my profound apologies. Naturally, in these circumstances, I offer you my resignation.

YOURS EVER, TIM

DEAR TIM,

Thank you for your letter setting out the details of your relationship with Mr Al-Fayed in the 1980s.

I note that this was a relationship for which you received payment, and that you included this income in your tax returns.

However it is clear that this interest was not properly registered in the Register of Members' Interests at the time when you raised Mr Al-Fayed's interests on the floor of the House of Commons.

I am grateful to you for giving a clear and full explanation to the Chief Whip and the Cabinet Secretary and I accept your account of the background to this.

Nonetheless, it was clearly wrong, and in these circumstances I accept your resignation. The Committee on Privileges will have an opportunity to consider your case in their current review, if they wish.

I regret this necessity because of the excellent beginning you have made in Northern Ireland. But I believe it to be unavoidable.

YOURS EVER, JOHN

NICK ROGERS



Al-Fayed: hostilities between him and Tiny Rowland ceased out of the blue

Harrods battle was 'longest whinge in trade history'

BY JON ASHWORTH

THE battle for Harrods started with a sneak attack and rapidly descended into a protracted series of messy skirmishes. One one side lay Tiny Rowland, German-born head of the Lonrho trading group. On the other was Mohamed Al-Fayed, an Egyptian businessmen.

The ingredients for the clash were mixed in the late 1970s, when Mr Rowland befriended the late Sir Hugh Fraser, who inherited the House of Fraser stores group. He also owned shares in Scottish and Universal Investments (Suits), which held a key 10.3 per cent stake in Harrods. Mr Al-Fayed and his brother, Ali, joined the Lonrho board in 1975, but departed after a year. Mr Rowland began stalking Suits, buying up shares from Sir Hugh. By July 1977, Lonrho had amassed more than 29 per cent of the shares. And so the assault was launched. Lonrho bid for the whole of Suits, winning 29 per cent of House of Fraser, and launched a takeover bid for the stores group, only to have it blocked by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. In 1984 Mr Rowland sold his 29.9 per cent stake to the Fayed brothers, assuming they did not possess the financial firepower to bid for the stores group. It was to prove a disastrous error of judgment.

Early the following year, the Fayeds launched a £615 million takeover bid. Mr Rowland, confident that this, too, would be referred to the Monopolies Commission, sold his shares in the market, only to see them snapped up by the Egyptians. Hostilities ceased out of the blue in October 1993. Mr Rowland and Mr Al-Fayed shook hands at Harrods and the "longest whinge in commercial history" was over.

Two-year trail of humiliation

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE latest questions-for-cash affair continues the Government's two-year trail of humiliation that has included six ministerial resignations, the death of an MP and the suicide of a Tory peer's wife.

John Major's first full term as Prime Minister has been peppered with damaging sexual and financial embarrassments among ministers and backbenchers.

The first blow came in September 1992 when **David Mellor**, the Heritage Secretary, was forced to resign after an affair with the actress Antonia de Sancha was publicised. The last straw came when it was disclosed that he and his family had a holiday in Spain paid for by Mona Bauwens, daughter of a Palestinian Liberation Organisation official.

In June 1993, **Michael Mates**, the Northern Ireland minister, stepped down after reports of his friendship with Asil Nadir, the fugitive businessman.

As John Major launched his "back to basics" strategy to restore traditional values last October, **Steven Norris**, the transport minister, survived calls for his resignation after he admitted a series of affairs. **Tim Yeo** was less fortunate in January 1994 when he was eventually forced to resign as environment minister after admitting fathering the child of a Tory councillor.

A flood of accusations and confessions then began. **Alan Duncan** resigned as a parliamentary private secretary after it was revealed that he had bought a neighbour's council house in a cut-price deal. A day later, the **Earl of Caithness** resigned as aviation and shipping minister following his wife's suicide, which her parents blamed on him having an affair.

Government embarrassment grew as **Gary Waller**, MP for Keighley, confirmed that he and a Commons secretary had an illegitimate son, and then **David Ashby**, MP for Leicestershire North West, admitted that he had shared a double bed with a male friend, although he denied homosexuality.

Barry Legg, MP for Milton Keynes South West and a former Westminster councillor, faced official accusations, still being investigated, that he helped to initiate illegal sales of council housing to increase the Tory vote.

The trail took a tragic turn in February when **Stephen Milligan**, a PPS, died at his London home during a bizarre sex act. **Hartley Booth** resigned as a PPS days later after admitting that he had "flirted" with a researcher, although he denied having an affair.

In May **Michael Brown** resigned as a government whip after a 20-year-old male student alleged they had had a homosexual relationship. Then in July claims were made, now being investigated by MPs, that **Graham Riddick** and **David Tredinnick** were prepared to accept payments of £1,000 each in return for asking Commons questions.

Now, two days after Mr Major pledged to root out wrongdoing in public life, **Tim Smith** has become the sixth enforced ministerial departure, leaving the Northern Ireland Office after failing to disclose business interests.

Cleanliness is a relative matter

NOTHING alleged so far in the omnibus "sleaze" affair indicates that the Government itself is corrupt. To apply the Michael Portillo test, British public life is still pretty clean, at least in Whitehall. No minister has yet had to resign because of his official conduct in office, as opposed to what he did beforehand or in his private life.

There is no parallel, for instance, with the scandals that have plagued the Balladur government in France, are endemic in Italy, or with the charges that have recently forced the resignation of Mike Espy as Agriculture Secretary in America. There is no comparison with the Marconi scandal of more than 80 years ago when both the Chancellor and Attorney-General were under suspicion.

But because Tory MPs are involved and ministers have resigned, the Government is being damaged politically. Tony Blair was able to mount a sharp attack on the issue yesterday.

Sleaze is an ideal insult for one politician to hurl at another. The word conjures up something sordid and disreputable, political mud that is intended to stick, and often does. It is now being used to cover everything from the sexual peccadilloes of backbenchers, via the business activities of peers and the son of a former Prime Minister, the appointment of Tory supporters to quangos, to payments to MPs for asking parliamentary questions.

There are two separate problems: the behaviour of MPs and the growth of the unaccountable state. The lobbying industry has created a murky world between commercial interests and politicians. One manifestation is the sponsorship at party conferences, Labour as much as Tory. The autumn conferences are now as much trade fairs as political rallies. MPs have become closely involved with lobbyists who want access for their clients. There is little evidence the activity makes any difference, but egos are flattered, and money is made.

More needs to be done to restore public confidence. MPs should be paid more (say, £50,000, against £31,000-odd now), but they should also have to disclose more about outside earnings, by amount as well as by source. The media are often sanctimonious about MPs' pay, especially when those criticising receive more than MPs. Paying MPs more would reduce the incentive to seek extra money as well as encouraging successful executives to become MPs. Less cant and more openness would go a long way. The Government also needs to offer reassurance. There is genuine concern over the proliferation of public bodies, whose members are appointed by ministers, controlling vast sums of money. The allegations about links with the Tory party are over-done. Labour governments of the past did not have clean hands in appointing sympathisers. But there are many more such posts now, and, as the Prime Minister admitted, a review is already under way about how such appointments are made.

Those arguments go to the heart of the debate about the dangers of one party being in office for too long. Longevity, disappointed ambitions and greed combine to threaten standards in public life. That is not an ephemeral point. It is likely to be a central theme of the next election. Tory MPs are rightly very nervous.

If the Tories are to convince voters that they should have a record fifth term, then they have to show that there are safeguards against the abuse of power — in the absence of the usual checks from the alternation of parties in office.

PETER RIDDELL

Minister resigns over row

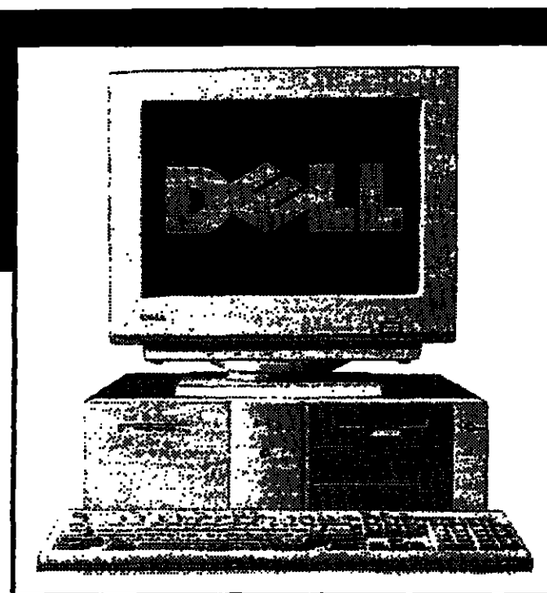
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to see the highest possible standards in public life and that they are maintained. It is right that allegations like these should be investigated. They should be investigated as they have been by the Cabinet Secretary and if any further occasions arise they will equally be investigated thoroughly and appropriate action taken."

After just 287 days in the job, Mr Smith wrote to the Prime Minister to "profoundly apologise". He admitted having become involved with Mr Al-Fayed in 1986 by agreeing to further the businessman's "legitimate concerns" over attacks by Mr Rowland through tabling questions and calling a late-night debate.

"Mr Al-Fayed paid me fees. I ended this relationship with him in 1989. Shortly before then I made an appropriate entry in the Register of Members' Interests," he said. "But, I acknowledge, I did not declare all the necessary information in the Register of Members' Interests until close to the end of my consultancy and I should have done so before then." The payments were declared in his tax returns and there was no intention to conceal, he said.

Mr Major, in a letter accepting his resignation, said the minister's actions were "clearly wrong" and his departure unavoidable. He moved swiftly to fill the gap in his government, appointing Malcolm Moss, MP for Cambridgeshire North East, to the Ulster job.



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Smith steps down after years of respectable backbench obscurity

By Alice Thomson
Political Reporter

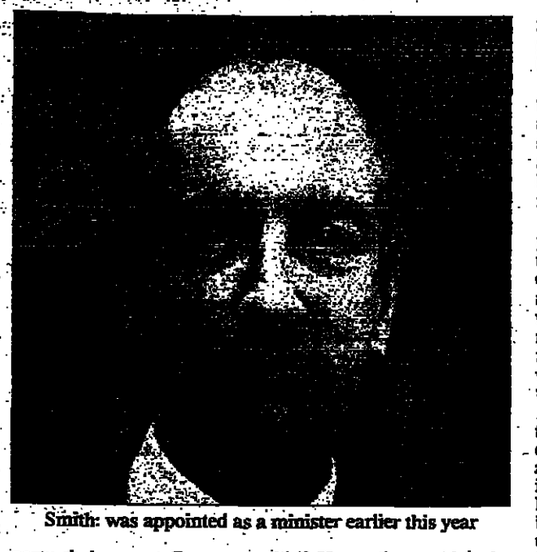
TIM Smith, the amiable if *sometimes pompous* Conservative MP for Beaconsfield, is one of the last people whom colleagues would associate with scandal.

He spent more than a decade quietly on the backbenches before being *plucked from obscurity* by John Major last year to become a junior Northern Ireland minister.

When Tim Yeo resigned as an environment minister earlier this year after having fathered an illegitimate child, *Mr Smith*, a chartered accountant, was appointed in the subsequent reshuffle as a safe and reliable pair of hands. Until then, the 46-year-old MP had plodded along as a right-wing and well-respected senior backbencher with interests in business and finance.

Mr Smith rarely spoke in the Commons. Gerald Kaufman, the former Shadow Cabinet member, remarked after one intervention: "I knew the honourable gentleman had learned to crawl, but I did not know that he had learned to speak."

Mr Smith became vice-chairman of the Tory backbench finance committee before the last general election, served on the Commons Public Accounts Committee and was an effective deputy party chairman at Conservative Central Office.



Smith: was appointed as a minister earlier this year

His unremarkable parliamentary career was marred only by intermittent accusations that he tabled Commons questions more relevant to his consultancies than to his constituents. In 1986 he is recorded in one parliamentary guide as complaining about Tiny Rowland's use of *The Observer*, then the proprietor, to support his battle for Harrods and the loss of that paper's independence.

In two days in 1988, Mr *Smith also, quite legally*, tabled 58 questions asking the Government for details about computer contracts on behalf of his client Price Waterhouse.

He settled down easily to his new ministerial career and was well-liked by the Northern Ireland civil servants. He was the driving force behind plans to reshape the Northern Ireland economy in the event of a permanent peace.

The only time that Mr Smith made newspaper headlines was in 1977 when he spectacularly won a by-election in Ashfield, Derbyshire at the age of 30, overturning a Labour majority of nearly 23,000.

Having lost the seat at the 1979 general election, he returned to Parliament in 1982, defeating Tony Blair, who was trying for the Commons for the first time, in the Beaconsfield by-election.

An old Harrovian and Oxford graduate who always looked dapper in immaculately tailored suits, with slicked back hair and a ramrod straight back, Mr Smith fitted in perfectly to the constituency with his wife Jennifer and two sons.

Last night Mr Smith's local party was in shock over the news of his resignation from the Government and several members said privately that he should stand down as an MP at the next general election.

The first anyone had heard about Mr Smith's alleged involvement in the Al-Fayed affair was late on Tuesday night when the MP rang to tell the agent, Philip Dunville, to expect problems.

Mr Dunville said yesterday at lunchtime: "We had no idea the Prime Minister has been looking into this. We have been left totally in the dark, in fact I am going to go and sit in my car now to listen to the news so I can catch up.

"Tim will be addressing us in the next couple of days but all we can say at the moment is that we are saddened by the news. He was a fantastic constituency MP and his nonsense right-wing approach goes down very well here."

However, several local party members telephoned officials suggesting that Mr Smith should stand down as an MP and protested that he had besmirched their blemishless reputation.

One senior Beaconsfield party member said: "I am sure that Mr Smith has a good explanation; after all he is an accountant and should know what he is doing. But at the moment I feel terribly betrayed. It will make our job very difficult at the next election if he stays."

The constituency is one of the most affluent in the country. Local Conservative activists helped Mr Smith increase his majority at the last general election to 23,597 but voters yesterday seemed unlikely to continue backing *Mr Smith*.

Martin Eales, a builder who has lived in Beaconsfield all his life, said: "He should resign as a minister and as an MP. He is supposed to be representing our interests, not his. There should be a full inquiry into it. It's not looking good for him."

Emma Long, 23, a housewife from Beaconsfield, said: "It's a bit of a shock for the people of Beaconsfield, it is definitely not right. MPs are paid enough money as it is. He shouldn't be allowed to get *away with it. The only decent* thing for him to do is to resign."

Ali Hajilou, 22, a student, said: "If it is true, then it is disgraceful. Even if there were a by-election and Labour got in it would be better because it would be fair and clean."



Tim Smith's wife Jennifer out with her dog yesterday

FIONA HANSON



Neil Hamilton meeting John Major last year: the minister's views are well to the right of the party leader

Maverick delights in a scrap

By Nicholas Wood, Chief Political Correspondent

NEIL Hamilton is one of the most right-wing and flamboyant members of John Major's Government. The 45-year-old former grammar school boy has a taste for colourful bow ties and even more colourful opinions.

In his 11 years at the Commons as Tory MP for the safe Cheshire seat of Tatton, this committed Thatcherite with a strong, if unpredictable, libertarian streak has taken almost malicious delight in confounding progressive opinion.

Nelson Mandela, Swapo, Sir Edward Heath, child benefit and fluoridation of water are just some of the Hampstead icons he has opposed. Sir Edward was not above employing the "rack and thumbscrews" when he was Chief Whip but now feasted upon "perceived government misfortune like a vampire given free run of a blood bank". Child benefit was a subsidy for the rich not the poor and the African National Congress was a "typical terrorist organisation".

Capital and corporal punishment, smoking, privatisation and the right of people to sell their organs are among the causes he has championed. The chief *bêtes noires* of this former barrister and stalwart of the No Turning Back Group have been Brussels and the BBC.

Before joining the Government as a junior whip in 1990, Mr Hamilton took part in two backbench Conservative rebellions over Europe. But despite his hostility to the Maastricht treaty, he remained loyal to the Government and was instrumental in persuading like-minded Euro-sceptic ministers not to jump ship. The fact that he stayed aboard also owes something to Christine, his equally ebullient wife and Commons secretary, who pointed out the futility of *making a sacrifice his elders and betters* were not prepared to emulate.

Thanks to the BBC, Mr Hamilton is no stranger to the kind of controversy in which he is now embroiled.

In 1987, together with Gerald Howarth, then a Tory MP, he won £20,000 in settlement of a libel action over *Panorama's* "Maggie's Militant Tendency", which alleged they had links with right-wing extremists trying to infiltrate the Tory Party.

After the last election, Mr Hamilton was promoted to a junior post at Michael Heseltine's Trade and Industry Department where he has responsibility for corporate affairs. He scored an immediate hit at the party conference in Blackpool last year when he illustrated his speech pledging an assault on red tape by tearing up screeds of bumph.

A former *Spectator* parliamentary wit of the year, Mr Hamilton did not overlook the fact that his Thatcherite chums — Michael Portillo, Michael Forsyth and Dame Angela Rumbold — were also on the platform. Alluding to Mr Major's off-camera jibes about right-wing tormenters, Mr Hamilton told the Tory faithful that the Prime Minister had asked him to be "an absolute bastard".

Mr Hamilton will need all his Welsh grit, thick hide and sharp tongue if his ministerial career is to survive his latest scrape.

Lobbying's high priest admitted paying MPs

By Andrew Pierce

IAN Greer, described by even his competitors as the high priest of lobbying, has never made any secret of paying MPs. But he is equally adamant that he has never paid MPs to ask questions.

The self-made millionaire has made clear that he has only ever paid an MP a commission, when requested, if the member has introduced new business to his company, which has a £3.5 million annual turnover. He has never employed an MP as a consultant.

In 1990 Mr Greer caused a stir when he appeared before the Commons Select Committee on MPs' interests and admitted paying three MPs. He named only Sir Michael Grylls, who has declared an association with Ian Greer Associates in the current register of members' interests. Sir Michael, Tory MP for Surrey North West, names Mr Greer as a client.

Mr Greer, 61, is unrepentant about the furore he caused by refusing to disclose the identity of the other two. He told friends that it is down to MPs to declare payments, not him.

Mr Greer was the architect of this year's self-regulatory code for the industry which prohibits MPs from acting as consultants for lobby companies. In his book *Right to be Heard*, published in 1985, Mr Greer argued for a statutory code of conduct. He advocates one today. He wrote: "Unless action is taken swiftly to legitimise and regularise the activities of the lobbyist at Westminster, the suspicion and mistrust which is being built up by the unskilled operators will do irreparable damage to an important part of our constitutional process: the right to be heard."

Mr Greer began in politics as the youngest Tory Party agent working for Peter Walker, the former Cabinet minister. In 1969 he went into lobbying. During the 1970s miners' strike he saw the breakdown in relations between Government and industry as a golden opportunity, and set up his own company, which employs 45 people.

His clients include British Airways, Cadbury Schweppes and Benazir Bhutto. He employs a clutch of former advisers to Cabinet ministers, Chris Patten's former press secretary, and several Labour activists.

His friendship with the Prime Minister, who attended his tenth anniversary party in 1991, dates from John Major's *backbench days. Mr Greer* was a close friend of Barbara Wallace, Mr Major's constituency secretary. The three often dined together at Ms Wallace's home.

Mr Greer lent support to Mr Major's leadership campaign *in the form of a Daimler* car. Mr Greer, who has dined at Chequers and been to several parties at Downing Street, joined the private celebrations at Conservative Central Office on election night in 1992.

He also cultivates Labour. He paid for a reception at the Café Royal in May for London Labour candidates to the European Parliament elections. Baroness Turner of Camden, a Labour frontbench spokesman in the Lords, is on his board of directors.

At the last election he provided manpower to assist the campaigns of seven Tory and five Labour MPs. He advertises in both party conference guides and paid for a compilation of Mr Major's speeches.



Greer: cultivates both *main political parties*

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Queen visits 'tsars' tombs in poignant end of tour

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN ST PETERSBURG

THE Queen concluded her four-day state visit to Russia yesterday by acknowledging, with her presence at two historic sites in St Petersburg, the ties of family and war that have bound the two nations.

British officials were meanwhile calculating the likely benefits of a diplomatic exercise judged a considerable success. President Yeltsin has impressed the Queen as a courteous and attentive host, although her party has been less enamoured of the often heavy-handed security that ruined a planned walkabout in Red Square and has infuriated the accompanying media contingent from around the world. The Russians have nonetheless regarded the Queen as a very special visitor, according her such rare courtesy as a black-tie dress code at her Kremlin banquet, and a private after-dinner concert given by the President's own personal orchestra.

Although there have been no large crowds on the streets, the visit has received widespread media attention in Russia, backed by a showing of Olivier's *Henry V* on television.

Yesterday morning the Queen journeyed to the tombs of the tsars, making a dramatic arrival by barge from the Royal Yacht *Britannia* at the Peter and Paul Fortress, the centrepiece of Peter the Great's majestic city.

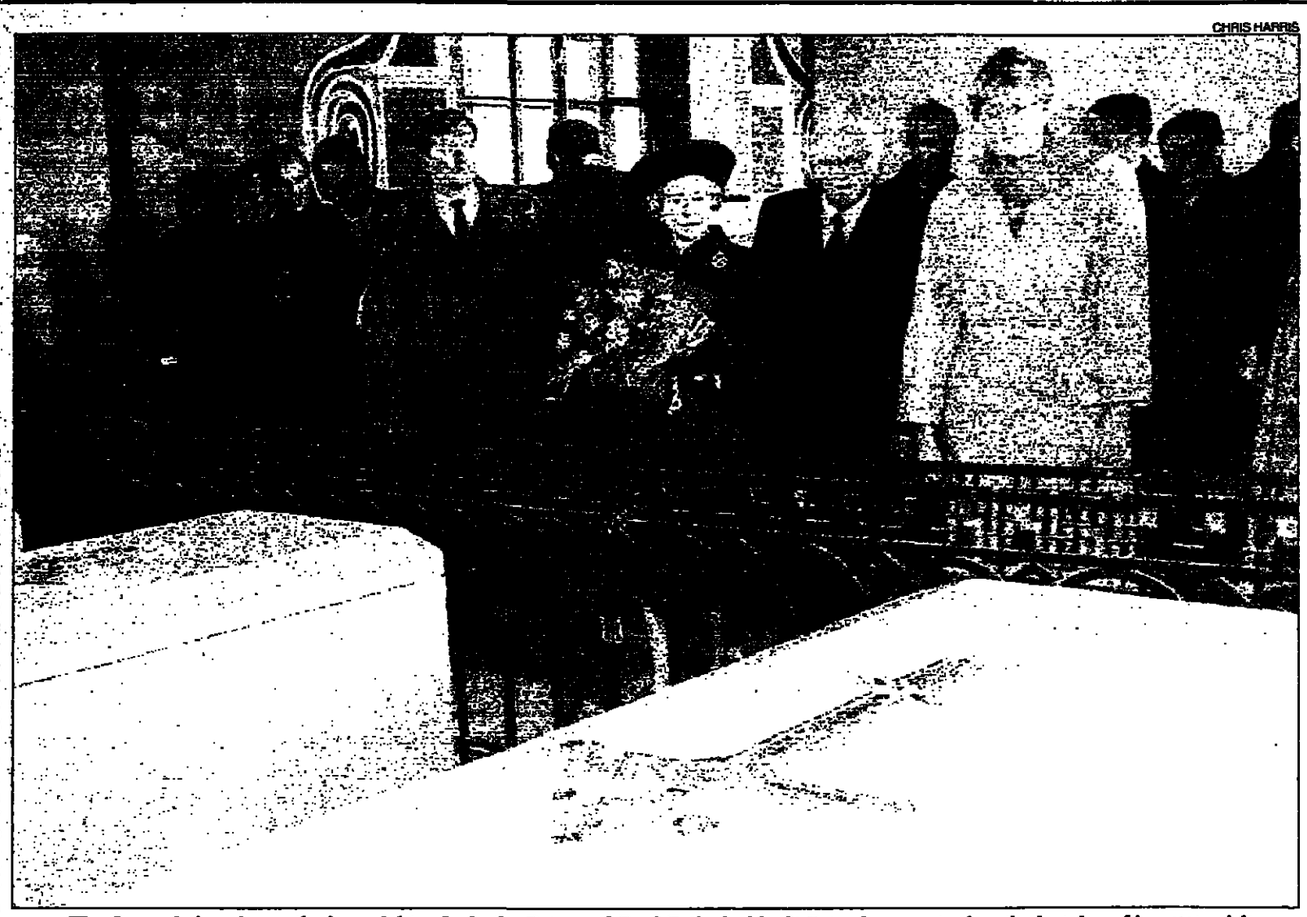
The palace has consistently discouraged any suggestion that the state visit has anything to do with Romanov bones, but no tourist visits the Venice of the North without a peek at the ranks of marble sarcophagi in the Peter and Paul Cathedral that contain the remains of tsars and their families from the early 18th century. Walking through a crowd of Russians waving small paper Union flags, the Queen looked pleased to be the object of so much affectionate attention. But her demeanour altered as she entered the cathedral, its deep bell tolling in the still morning air above her, to be shown round such a poignant imperial shrine.

After lunch with Anatoly Sobchiak, the mayor of St Petersburg, at which they toasted each other with exceedingly un-Russian sips of vodka, the Queen and President Yeltsin laid wreaths at the Piskarevskoye cemetery, where unmarked mounds contain the remains of 470,000 citizens of Leningrad who perished in its terrible 900-day siege between 1941 and 1944. Eleven survivors of the siege were lined up for the Queen to meet, alongside 11 British survivors of the Arctic convoys which battled through bitter cold and German attack to supply war-ravaged Russia.

The visit ended with Mr Yeltsin entertained to a banquet on board *Britannia* before she sailed for Finland, followed by a beating retreat on the quayside and a march past by Russian troops, a scene that could not have been envisaged in the wildest dreams of a decade ago.

Manchester's Lord Mayor has promised the Queen a warm welcome when she visits in six weeks, despite her reported remark to a student in St Petersburg, Manchester's twin city, that it "was not such a nice place". Sheila Smith said: "We are not offended at all."

CHRIS HARRIS



The Queen being shown the imperial tombs in the Peter and Paul Cathedral in St Petersburg yesterday, the last day of her state visit

Husband held over killing of manageress

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE husband of Carol Wardell, the building society manageress kidnapped and murdered after a robbery at her office, was last night being questioned by police about the killing.

Gordon Wardell, 41, was arrested at the couple's home at Meriden, West Midlands, early yesterday. Neighbours said he was led from the modern semi-detached house and driven to Nuneaton police station five miles away. Warwickshire Police would say only that they had arrested a 41-year-old man.

The body of Mrs Wardell, 38, was found in a lay-by in Weddington, near Nuneaton, on September 12. She had died from asphyxiation. Police found her husband, a motor parts company manager, tied up in their home.

His arrest came a day after detectives said they suspected a woman may have been involved in the robbery at the Woolwich Building Society in Nuneaton, where Mrs Wardell worked.

Prisoner on release 'killed wife'

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Prison Service began an inquiry yesterday after a prisoner serving a sentence for attempted murder allegedly killed his wife while on temporary release.

Derek Lewis, director-general of the service, ordered the investigation after the man, 33, appeared in court in Essex charged with murdering his 26-year-old wife. The man had been sentenced to eight years' jail in 1989 for attempted murder of his girlfriend. In 1992 he was given home leave but went on the run for 12 months during which time he met and married his wife.

In August this year he was put in a pre-release hostel outside Maidstone jail, where he had been serving his sentence as part of a programme to prepare him for release. One month later the hostel closed and he was allowed to live at home with minimum supervision and last Tuesday his wife was found dead.

Thomas Murtagh, an area manager in the prison service, is to head the investigation.

Corporal fined over party brawl

AN RAF corporal who punched and head-butted an officer who was touching his girlfriend's bottom at a Christmas party was fined £800 at a court martial in Norfolk yesterday. Corporal Edward Budd, 29, will have to find a further £2,900 legal fees.

The officer, Flight Lieutenant Simon Smith, 28, is likely to escape with a reprimand from his superiors at RAF Neatishead, Norfolk. Ray Smith, Budd's counsel, told the court martial that Flt Lt Smith could be described as a "lecher and a philanderer" and he said that the incident at the party amounted to an indecent assault.

The senior aircraftswoman he fondled was Lisa Hopkins, 24, who is now married to Corporal Budd and who still works on the base with Flt Lt Smith.

Corporal Budd, a radar operator, was transferred to RAF Waddington in Lincolnshire after the incident at a social club near Norwich. He had denied two charges of common assault and assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

Soccer fan takes league to court after side loses

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A SOCCER fan is taking the Endsleigh Football League to court in hopes of getting redress for referees' decisions that went aginst his team.

Mike Hall, a Liberal Democrat councillor in Portsmouth, has launched a civil action against the league in his local small claims court, claiming that errors by match officials have cost Portsmouth three games in succession.

Mr Hall, 25, says the football authorities are responsible for ensuring that referees do not make mistakes, and is demanding back his ticket money and travel costs totalling £48 for what he claims was a wasted trip to see Portsmouth beaten by Oldham Athletic as a result of two disputed penalties.

Mr Hall said yesterday that his action might force the league to introduce a video replay system because the game has become too fast for referees.

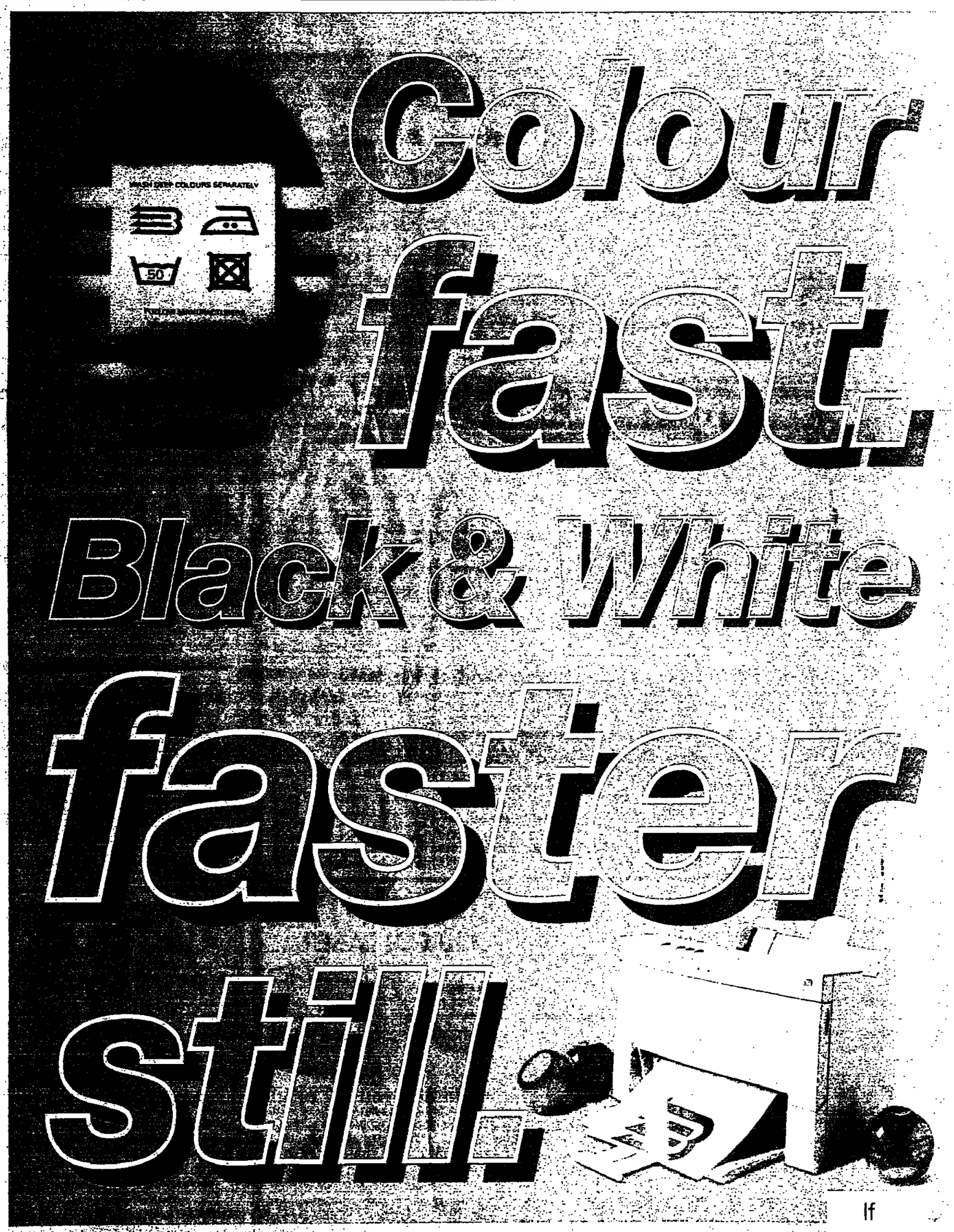
"My argument is that poor refereeing decisions have cost my team a lot of money in the last few years."

CORRECTIONS

Our report (October 15) of the £82,000 award to an Isle of Wight couple who bought a bungalow in ignorance of its proximity to an expanding rubbish tip was based on inaccurate material supplied by a news agency. This award, reflecting the reduction in the property's value, was against the former owner and not, as we stated, against her solicitors, James Eldridge & Sons.

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Auditors question £400,000 severance

MPs demand end to university pay-off

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

MPs and government advisers demanded yesterday that Huddersfield University withdraw a pay-off of more than £400,000 for its vice-chancellor after auditors questioned the legality of the agreement.

Professor Kenneth Durrands, 65, is to retire soon after months of unrest and an overwhelming vote of no-confidence by students and staff. His departure was brought forward for the second time last week, when Sir William Taylor, former vice-chancellor of Hull University, was named as interim successor.

The university has consistently refused to divulge the terms of Professor Durrands's severance agreement, but an audit report published yesterday shows that the governors agreed to pay him £200,000 compensation and other benefits, as well as buying out the remainder of his four-year contract. He received a backdated pay rise of almost 40 per cent only four months ago.

Professor Graeme Davies, chief executive of the Higher Education Funding Council for England, has written to the university asking it to set aside the agreement. The council said it had received legal advice that the severance package "appeared to be excessive, and that in agreeing it the university many have exceeded its powers".

A report on the affair by Sir John Bourn, Comptroller and Auditor General, went to the Public Accounts Committee on Wednesday. The MPs turned down a request from the university to keep its contents secret, and will discuss its implications later in the year.

Robert Sheldon, the chairman of the committee, said: "There has been too much secrecy in this matter already. I am astonished by the circumstances here. Most of the funds have not yet been paid, and the university should rescind its decision."

Barry Sheerman, the Huddersfield MP whose six-month campaign put the university under the spotlight, said he hoped the case would persuade ministers to make the management of new universities more accountable.

"Huddersfield should be given a new start under a fresh board of governors, and the cosy quango world exposed here should be brought under control," he said.

The Education Department said ministers welcomed the action taken by the funding council, and would consider the implications for the safeguarding of public funds in future. Professor Durrands and Huddersfield's governors maintained their silence on the controversy.

Sir John Bourn's report says that vice-chancellors of comparable universities are paid between £80,000 and £83,000, but packages with a total value of over £120,000 were "not unheard of in the university sector as a whole".

IRA terrorists convicted of London bombings

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

TWO IRA terrorists were yesterday convicted of plotting a mainland bombing campaign during the run-up to last year's Conservative party conference.

Gerard Mackin and Derek Doherty are the first men to be tried and convicted of terrorist offences since the IRA announced a ceasefire. Theirs were also the first successful prosecutions since MI5 took over the responsibility for intelligence gathering against the IRA from Special Branch.

The two men showed no emotion as the jury of seven men and five women found them guilty at the Old Bailey after 10½ hours of deliberation. Last night the jury spent a second night at an hotel after failing to reach a verdict on the third accused, Thomas McAuley.



Mackin, left, and Doherty were foiled half way through their bombing campaign in London a year ago

Mackin, 33, a former minicab firm owner from north Belfast; Doherty, 23, from Co Dublin; and Mr McAuley, 37, a plasterer from Tottenham, north London, all denied conspiring to cause explosions between January and October 1993.

Twelve bombs were planted between October 1 and 8 last year in main streets in north London. Nobody was seriously injured in the attacks but there was widespread damage and two people had lucky escapes, the prosecution told the jury.

The men behind the bombs were half way through their campaign when it was foiled by MI5, the Old Bailey was told.

It was alleged that all three men were living at the north London flat leased by Mr McAuley which was used as a bomb factory.

Their movements were monitored by police and MI5 officers on October 8. After they were arrested, bomb-making equipment was found hidden behind a bath panel in Mr McAuley's flat. The cache contained five kilos of Semtex explosive, 16 incendiary bombs, ten detonators, timing devices, a soldering iron and sticks of solder.

Mr McAuley has stated that he had no idea that the bomb-making equipment was under the bath. He had no connection with terrorism, he told the jury.

"I honestly did not know it was there. I was surprised when the police told me," Mr McAuley told the jury in evidence. He said he had never been involved in terrorism. Ronald Thwaites, QC, for Mr McAuley, accused the judge of bullying and badgering his client.

Mr Justice Alliott had sent signals to the jury that he did not like Mr McAuley or believe a word of his case, Mr Thwaites said.

WPC wins £175,000 damages

A POLICEWOMAN is to receive £175,000 agreed compensation after she permanently injured her back while carrying a fellow officer four stone heavier than her during training (Paul Wilkinson writes).

Lynda Lewis, who is 5ft 7in tall, was ordered by her physical training instructor to carry a man nearly 6ft tall and weighing 13½ stone piggy-back-fashion for five minutes. She also had to crouch down and spring up during the session at Northumbria Police headquarters in Ponteland in 1987.

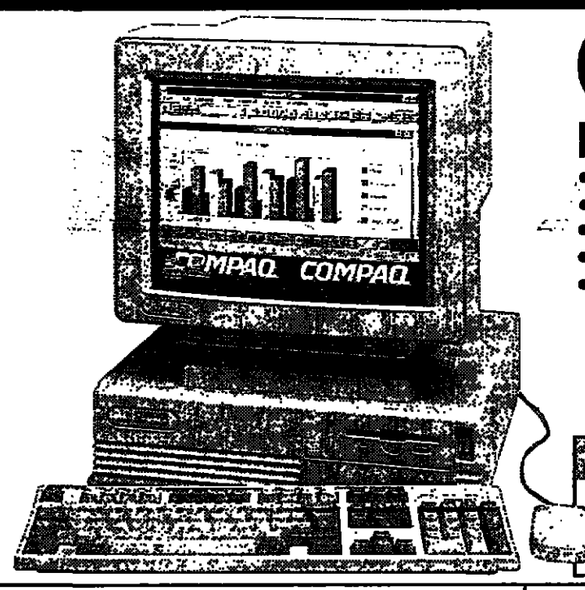
Mrs Lewis, 32, from Blyth, said that afterwards she was in agony and unable to stand up straight.

She was forced to resign and is now registered disabled. "My life has been shattered by this," she said.

A spokeswoman for Northumbria Police said the force accepted responsibility and had reviewed its training.

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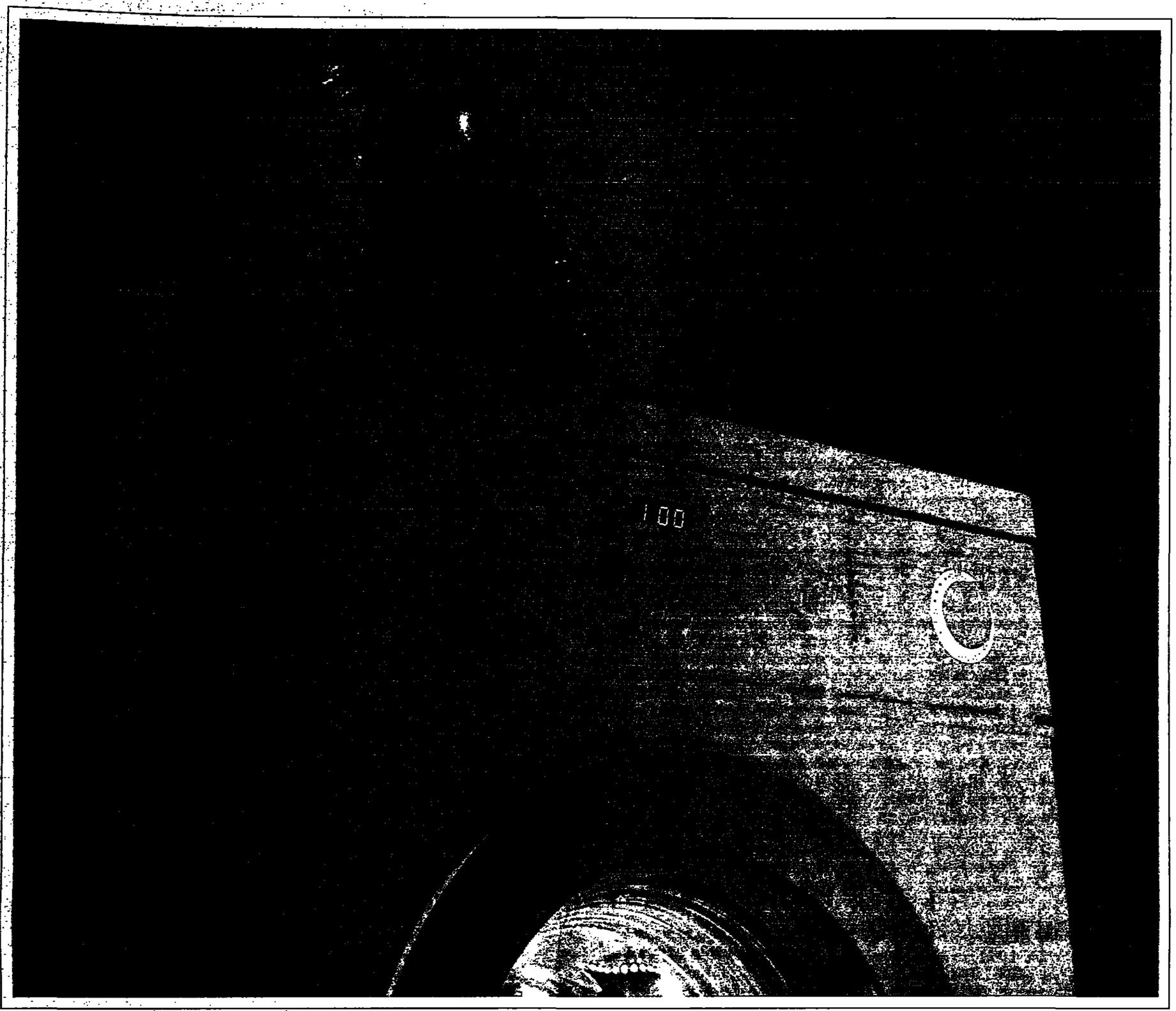
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MPs blame gross negligence by MoD for wasted millions

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

ASTONISHING errors and gross negligence were to blame for substantial price increases on vital defence equipment, MPs said in a report yesterday.

The MPs on the Commons Defence Committee discovered that an earth station for a military communications satellite had risen in cost by 62 per cent, from £61 million to £99 million, partly because the original price estimate had failed to include VAT. The error added more than £10 million to the final bill. The MPs said they found it "incredible that basic errors such as the omission of VAT from the estimated cost should occur and not be detected in an organisation whose business is to manage procurement programmes of this type".

In another project, involving a long-range anti-tank guided weapons system, Britain had joined with France and Germany to develop the laser-guided Trigat system but decided to withdraw in 1991 because such a missile was not specifically required.

However, after negotiations with the other partners, the Ministry of Defence realised it was "cheaper to stay in the programme than to withdraw". Under a memorandum of understanding, any nation withdrawing before the end of the development phase had to pay any costs of transferring work to industry in the other countries.

The MoD assessed that meeting such terms would cost at least £90 million and possibly as high as £170 million. On top of the £128 million committed by Britain for the development programme, the total bill for withdrawal could have been at least £218 million. The cost of continuing in the programme was £194 million.

The MPs said: "The MoD has found itself in the highly unusual position of continuing to participate in the development programme for a missile for which it has no specific requirement."

In the case of the EH101 Merlin helicopter bought for the Royal Navy, the computer company IBM had suggested the use of a simple materials index to check on all the equipment installed, which could have saved £95 million. The MoD turned down the offer because it feared strings would be attached to the proposal. The MPs said: "We would expect the MoD to have established in writing from IBM whether there were any strings attached to their proposal and to have calculated the financial consequences of turning it down.

"To have done neither of these things was, in our view, grossly negligent."

The MPs also noted that the MoD was continuing with an anti-tank mine system which Alan Clark, the former minister for defence procurement, had described in his published diaries as "a complete waste of money, conceived at the height of the Cold War and now totally unnecessary".

☐ Soldiers are breaking Queen's Regulations by working as security guards for private companies, a BBC1 programme reported last night.

Private security firms, especially those near Army bases, regularly use soldiers, according to the BBC programme *Public Eye*. Posing as a company needing security, the BBC investigators were offered three soldiers at £13.55 an hour.

A spokesman for the MoD said: "Soldiers can take up other employment if their commanding officer approves, but the one thing they can't do is security work."

☐ *Defence Procurement: Certain Projects and Accounting for Inflation*. Defence Committee Tenth Report (Stationery Office: £12.15)



Clark: said mine system was waste of money

Carey rails against the 'six-headed monster' of liberalism

By Ruth Gledhill, Religion Correspondent

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, warned last night against the "Scylla and Charybdis" of post-modern philosophies and fundamentalism.

He criticised liberals who had lost all sense of the transcendence of God, comparing them to Scylla, a "six-headed monster who dwelt on a rock of the same name".

But he also condemned the fundamentalists who believed in "a push-button God who can be beguiled or pressurised into producing wealth or healing".

Such a God "owes more to the idols of magic and sorcery than to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ", he said, arguing that fundamentalists represent "the whirlpool of Charybdis, ready to lure ships to their doom if they sailed too close".

Dr Carey's vivid Homeric imagery, in the first of a series of lectures sponsored by the CS Lewis Centre at King's College Chapel, London University, captured the mood of an increasingly polarised church struggling to make faith relevant to the modern age.

As Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Carey must steer a difficult course between free-thinking liberals who seem to delight in challenging gospel truths, and ever-more conservative Christians who will brook no challenge to a literal interpretation of the gospels. The debate has attained a new intensity in recent months with the dismissal of the Rev Anthony Freeman, priest in charge of St Mark's Staplefield, West Sussex, for his unorthodox liberal views on God, and with the spread of the "Toronto Blessing" among evangelical and charismatic congregations, where worshippers fall unconscious to the ground, cry or burst into hysterical laughter, supposedly at the instigation of the Holy Spirit.

Dr Carey, who often acknowledges his debt to all traditions of the church, said the path of "true Trinitarian Orthodoxy" lay between the two extremes of Scylla and Charybdis, but to examine these areas "is to attempt to steer a perilous course".

He said: "In Scylla we encounter the traps posed to orthodoxy by some modernist and post-modernist assumptions. Opposite them lies the Charybdis of various fundamentalisms which often derive their shape by reacting to these threats."

Within the liberal tradition are "those who would argue so strongly for the immanence of God that all sense of his transcendence is lost". But in opposition, and equally treacherous, "is the growth of the very authoritarian forms of Christianity that have neatly compressed God into a human form, whilst retaining a 'supernaturalist' flavour."

He also criticised attempts to turn back the clock to pre-Enlightenment days, conceding however that "the resurgence of conservative forces in all churches and societies of the West is symptomatic of the deep anxiety to recover stable ethical and religious foundations in a world in which the foundations are being shaken."

Dr Carey said within post-modernism was a "deep suspicion of anything which seeks to hold things together". He said: "All statements of truth, faith and value are deconstructed into power play or the working out of our desires and a veritable Babel of results."

SIMON WALKER



Dr Carey criticised fundamentalists who believe in "a push-button God"

Man held over GP killing

Detectives hunting the killer of a GP stabbed at his surgery have charged a 33-year-old man.

Dr Donald Mackay, 56, was killed after an intruder forced a security door at the health centre in Airdrie, Strathclyde, at the end of morning surgery on Wednesday.

Police did not specify the charge against the man. He is expected to appear before Airdrie Sheriff Court on Friday.

Case collapses

The last of six boys accused of indecently assaulting two girls on a train on the Southport to Liverpool line was cleared. Magistrates at Bootle dismissed the case against the 15-year-old after five other youths had charges against them dropped earlier this week.

Crash award

A soldier who survived the British Midland air crash at Kegworth in 1989 was awarded £70,000 agreed damages by the High Court. George Vosper, 30, now an Army staff sergeant, suffered injuries that blighted his career.

Files dumped

An inquiry has begun after files detailing child prostitution and sex abuse were found in a binliner outside a social services office in Bradford.

Peanut probe

Researchers at Southampton University are to recruit 100 people who are allergic to peanuts to study a condition that has killed several people.

Children die

Two children, aged 18 months and three years, died in a house fire in Rochdale, Greater Manchester.

Opera chief

Richard Mantle, who quit Scottish Opera after a dispute with the board three years ago, has been appointed general director of Opera North.

Vive le Kevin

The most popular Christian name in France for baby boys is Kevin, says a book on names to be published there next week. Imported TV series are thought to be responsible.

Pope rewrites sales figures

By Our Religion Correspondent

THE Pope's book yesterday became an overnight best-seller, with one shop in Dublin opening a few seconds after midnight to cope with the unprecedented demand for a modern religious book.

Jonathan Cape, publisher of *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, will launch a hotline (0891 171211) today taking credit card orders for the book in hardback (£9.99), audiobook (£12.99) or compact disc (£25).

On the tape-recorded message — which costs 39p a minute cheap rate, 49p a minute at other times, and is likely to last five minutes — an actor announces that in his book the Pope "speaks to people of all faiths everywhere about the major religious questions facing the world".

Royalties from the book will go to charities chosen by the Pope.

Roger Katz, general manager of Hatchards bookshop in London, said: "It is selling very fast. We are selling it on the main floor and the religious floor. It is selling most on the main floor. It is turning into a general interest book. People are buying copies for their friends, as well as for themselves."

He added: "There is no doubt that it will be a best-seller. I just wish we could have arranged a signing."

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Teenagers challenge independent school's right to be a 'law unto itself'

Pupils expelled over cannabis seek legal aid for test case

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

TWO teenagers will begin a test case next week for damages against a leading independent school, claiming that their expulsion for smoking cannabis breached natural justice.

Lee Knighting, 16, and Adrian Stubbs, 18, will seek legal aid to pursue "substantial" damages for the loss of one year's schooling and psychological harm. They claim that Whitgift School, Croydon, failed to follow proper and fair investigation and appeals procedures when they were expelled last year.

The case could have far-reaching implications for independent schools which are not bound by disciplinary and statutory appeals procedures in the state sector.

Pauline Knighting, Lee's mother, said: "Independent schools are a law unto themselves when it comes to discipline. Headmasters have more power than High Court judges. We want parents and pupils in independent schools to have the same rights as those in state schools."

The case arises from one of the biggest ever crackdowns on drugs by a public school. Dr Christopher Barnett, headmaster of the £5,235-a-year school, expelled ten pupils who admitted smoking cannabis. Another 15 boys were suspended and barred from entering the sixth form.

No boy was ever caught in possession of cannabis, smoking or under the influence of an illegal drug. The school took action only after boys confessed and passed on the names of others who admitted smoking cannabis within the previous 12 months.

A campaign group established by parents claimed that Dr Barnett relied on intimidation and hearsay to make scapegoats of their sons, reacting "like a virgin waking up in a brothel" to allegations of drug abuse at Whitgift.

Yesterday, Dr Barnett said he was satisfied that the school had acted correctly and properly and had received overwhelming parental support for its action. "I have a professional responsibility for 1,000 boys and a duty to make sure that the school is not a place where they are introduced to illegal substances."

The possibility of legal action and a debt of confidentiality to boys involved meant he could not comment further. In a letter to all parents explaining his response at the time, Dr Barnett said he was determined to take a "moral lead" against drugs. Simon Mitchell, a solicitor representing the boys, said parents were led to believe they would have the right of appeal against the headmaster's decision, but no such appeals were heard.

The case comes as ministers try to change the way state schools deal with pupils involved with soft drugs. Guidelines to be published next month are likely to steer head teachers away from expulsion and towards counselling.

Mrs Knighting said the punishments meted out by Dr Barnett in September 1993 were draconian. She said: "Lee admitted taking seven puffs of cannabis on three occasions, none of them on school premises or in school uniform. He was expelled halfway through his GCSEs and we could not find alternative schooling allowing him to carry on. We had to pay for home tuition for a year before he started A levels at a sixth-form college."

Mrs Knighting said Lee suffered depression and lost all his confidence after the incident. Adrian Stubbs, who admitted sharing a marijuana cigarette six months before his expulsion, was forced to restart his A-level courses, wasting a year of study.

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Jennifer Stubbs, left, and Pauline Knighting say their sons deserve damages

British woman jailed for life in Thailand

FROM ANDREW DRUMMOND IN BANGKOK

A BRITISH woman has been sentenced to life imprisonment in Bangkok for trafficking in heroin.

Patricia Hussain, 30, from Manchester, was initially sentenced to death but that was immediately commuted to life imprisonment. The Foreign Office was notified of the sentence yesterday.

Hussain was arrested at Bangkok's Don Muang International airport in April and found to have 7kg of heroin in her suitcase with a street value of more than £2 million.

In Thailand a life sentence really means life. Sentences are usually commuted again at a later stage to 50 years.

Hussain, a former prostitute who has two children, aged ten and five, is the first Briton to be sentenced for heroin trafficking since Karyn Smith and Patricia Cahill. The two were released last year after John Major contacted the King of Thailand in support of a plea for their release on humanitarian grounds. Miss Smith and Miss Cahill, aged 17 and 18 at the time of their arrest, were serving sentences of 18 and 25 years.

Hussain, who is in Lard Yao Women's Prison, was said by her cellmate Sandra Gregory to be in a state of shock. Miss Gregory, 29, who is on trial with Robert Lock, 29, from Cambridge, charged with trafficking in 89 grams of heroin, said: "Patricia was hoping for 25 years. Now she has no hope of even applying for a move to a British jail until she has done at least eight-and-a-half years. This is the backlash from the royal pardon."

Miss Gregory, 29, from Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire, claims she has been told the Foreign Office will not support her plea for a pardon.

Hussain had claimed she had had no idea what was in her suitcase. She said she had been taken on holiday by a Nigerian boyfriend who packed her bags for her Singapore-bound flight. In court, Hussain pleaded guilty to heroin trafficking.

A British Embassy official has attended Miss Gregory's trial every day, but none was at Hussain's hearings. Hussain had hoped that by her plea she would escape a death sentence or life imprisonment.



Hussain: heroin found in suitcase at airport

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Tournament explosion

PARTLY as a result of the enthusiasm for chess generated by last year's *Times* World Chess Championship match between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short, there has been an explosion of chess tournaments in Britain of international standard.

In the Staunton memorial tournament played in Chiswick, London, Chris Dunworth, by scoring 11 points out of 15, has achieved an international master result. At the Guernsey International, Bogdan Lalic beat Julian Hodgson to assume the lead with a 100 per cent score. Also next week, the Vera Menchik memorial tournament starts in Maidstone while in Richmond a master strength event featuring the 10-year-old prodigy Luke McShane starts at Richmond's Royal Star and Garter Home.

Brilliant defence

The following game was played in round two of the Owens Corning Grandmaster tournament at Wrexham Maelor, the first all-play-all international grandmaster tournament to be held in Wales. The winner of this game, grandmaster Nigel Davies, had to defend brilliantly against his opponent, the 1993 British champion.

White: Michael Hennigan
Black: Nigel Davies
Scotch Game

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	d4	exd4
4	Nxd4	Bc5
5	Nxc6	bxc6
6	Bd3	Ne7
7	Nd2	Ng6
8	Nb3	Be7
9	0-0	0-0
10	f4	d6
11	Qh5	Re8
12	Nd4	Bd7
13	Nf3	Qc8
14	f5	Nf8
15	g4	Rb8
16	Bd2	Bf6
17	Bc4	g6
18	Qh6	d5
19	exd5	Re4
20	fxg6	hxg6
21	Ng5	Rxg4+
22	Kh1	Bg7
23	Qxg7+	Kxg7
24	Rxf7+	Kh8
25	Ne6+	g5
26	Rf6+	Ng6
27	Bc3	Qg8
28	Nxg5	Qxd5+
29	Nf3+	Kh5
30	h3	Rg3
31	Be2	Re8
32	Rf7	Rxh3+
33	Kg1	Rxe2 White resigns

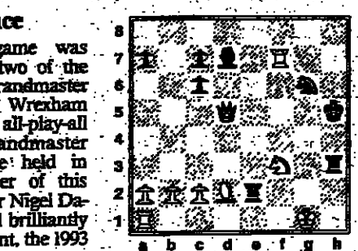
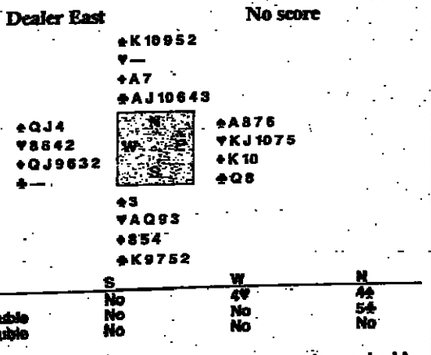


Diagram of final position

Winning Move, page 48

THE TIMES BRIDGE

Dealer East — No score



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Double	No	No	5♣
Double	No	No	No

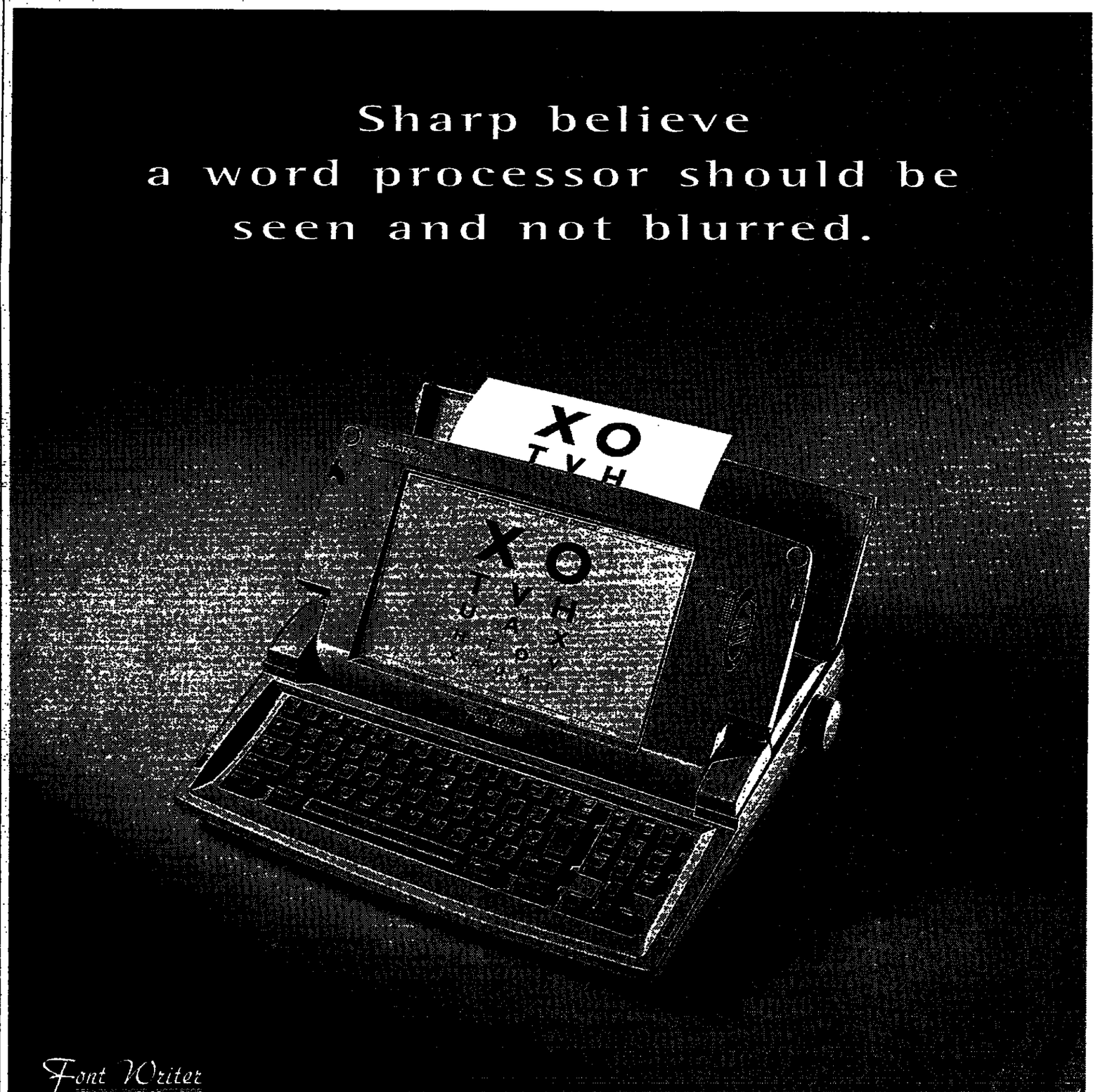
BY JOHN GRAHAM

It's no good telling me that East's doubles in this rubber bridge game were ridiculous; I didn't invent the bidding. The irritation double has been exposed as a nonsense in every bidding book ever written, but the beast refuses to go away. Here is a partial check list of questions to ask yourself whenever you feel the word rising to your lips.

Am I doubling just because I'm cross? Will we beat the contract by enough, supposing my double enables declarer to save a trick in the play? Have the oppo any escape route? If they are where we want them, why don't I pass? Whenever you have an option to double, pause to remind yourself that you also have an option to pass.

East knee-jerked himself to perdition on the above deal, and North made 12 tricks with ease. "Sorry I had to bid my suits the wrong way round, partner," said North coyly. "I thought you'd be stronger, partner," said East, desperately trying to unload the blame. "Bid up, partner," said South mischievously.

West said nothing. She was still calculating whether North could have made more than six tricks in four spades *undoubled*. What she may have said on the way home is not recorded.



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Eurostar confirms national prejudices as it chugs into Waterloo

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN LONDON AND PARIS

President Mitterrand was right. For an uninspiring 100 minutes, the 8.07 *Eurostar from the Gare du Nord* barely shivered as it flashed through France at 300kph (187mph) — so fast you could see almost nothing of the scenery.

Then, bursting from the Channel Tunnel at 160kph it jammed on the brakes, affording passengers the luxury of a gentle stroll through the Kent countryside, time to enjoy the view, as M Mitterrand said in his famed put-down of British railway technology.

Famed stations came and went as, only two hours out of Paris and still mentally in France, we admired the gentle folds of Kent at what seemed like walking speed — because some of it was walking speed. Cows paused in their grazing just outside Ashford to observe the pride of French engineering crawl to a standstill for the third time. To the music of grinding flanges, we rocked our way through villages with sleepy pubs and milk lorries. Was that James or Edward on the siding? A look mixing satisfaction and dismay came over the dozens of officials of the SNCF, the French railway system, as some 800 journalists, French MPs, teachers and civil servants drew the easy conclusion about the rustic ways of backward Albion.

If they had missed the message, by Vauxhall, south London, it was rammed home by the sight of two Network SouthEast trains, gaily painted in "child-like colours", as one Gallic MP put it, overtaking the incarnation of speed that is the Eurostar.

"It's extraordinary. It feels just like an English train now," said an exiled Englishman making the day-trip from Paris. He was riding on the first express running the timetable that will take effect when seven years of work and the dream of centuries come to fruition on November 14.

With Gallic incisiveness and their pride in the perfection of French railways only slightly dented by a strike on the SNCF yesterday, some of the day-tripping French MPs interpreted Britain's low technology as a symbol of its island reluctance to dock with the Continent. "They still want Europe to be somewhere else," said one after the grey and yellow "bullet train" glided at 11.13 into Waterloo International, a railway station that believes it is an airport.

Indeed, the airline imagery clearly obsessed the designers of the Eurostar, all the way down to the cramped ranks of second-class seating, where you rest your knees on your chin and stewards pour hot coffee down your sleeve. "I am Michael and I am your train manager," says the voice over the loudspeaker, welcoming everyone on behalf of "our on-board team".

Like old-fashioned airlines, the crew like to keep passengers informed of their speed and location, but somehow, "we are travelling at 160 kilometres per hour 135 metres under the sea" inspires less excitement than, "to your left you can see Mount Fuji".

The airline style begins at "check-in" at the Gare du Nord, where a section of the Victorian railway temple has been converted into a marble and stainless steel high-tech haven. Like many of the world's airports, sniffer dogs wearing orange waistcoats patrol the "boarding hall" nosing at baggage and trouser legs. French customs and frontier officers patrol the train.

There seems little doubt that, at three hours, the train will beat the plane every time when it comes to getting fast and comfortably between the centres of Paris and London. But for a while at least, there is something rather strange about moving so prosaically from the Continent into England.

Without the occasion of aerial take-off or even a sight of the sea to salute your passage, you realise that Kent and the Pas de Calais are pretty much the same place.

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Super train's a strain in London to Paris race

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

EUROSTAR, the £24 million cross-Channel super train, came off distinctly second best yesterday when *The Times* matched it against the airlines in a race from London to Paris.

What should have been a day of showing-off to the world's press before the start of commercial services next month turned into a day of apologetic embarrassment when a technical fault prevented the quarter mile-long train from leaving London as planned at 9.23am.

Another train had to be pressed into service, which left exactly an hour late after cases of celebratory champagne and food had been hastily transferred.

In a classic display of hindsight, Richard Edgley, managing director of European Passenger Services, said: "We should have provided a back-up train as we did for the Queen when she opened the tunnel, but things have been going so well we were confident there was no need for one. Clearly, that was the wrong thing to do and we have learnt a valuable lesson."

The delay meant that I took five hours 47 minutes to travel from our starting point in Trafalgar Square to the Arc de Triomphe, whereas my colleague, going via Heathrow airport, took four hours 30 minutes.

As I stood in a Trafalgar Square jammed with traffic travelling at a snail's pace, I was of course ignorant of the delay that lay ahead and visions of missing the 8.30am Eurostar check-in time flashed through my mind and the prospect of an undignified sprint across Waterloo Bridge loomed large. A cab got me to the international terminal at Waterloo Station by 8.20am, shortly after which tickets were issued.

The first delay was announced at 9.19am and was followed by several other announcements before we finally got under way at at 10.23am. Champagne flowed and EPS officials tried to make light of the debacle. However, in terms of international public relations, it was a nightmare.

After having to meander through the Kent countryside at an average 60mph, Eurostar was let off the leash through the flat fields of northern France and cracked up to its maximum 186mph to arrive at Gare du Nord at 1.11pm, having knocked 12 minutes off the scheduled three-hour journey.

A frantic taxi ride through the centre of Paris took me to the Arc de Triomphe, where my colleague was waiting. She had already spent at least an hour window shopping and enjoying the street life of Paris.

If Eurostar had left on time, the difference in our journey times to the finishing post would have been slightly more than 15 minutes, which makes Eurostar a potential major challenger to the airlines. Once on board the service was smooth and impeccable. Multi-lingual staff offered coffee, tea and wine to passengers as the French countryside sped by.

On the French side of the Channel Tunnel the ride was so smooth that the coffee did not ripple in the cups and a pound coin remained upright on the table.

☐ Tim Jones paid £155 for a standard class return ticket. Taxis in London and Paris cost £3.50 and £4.50. When the Eurostar service starts on November 14, fares will range from £195 for a first-class return to £95 for a standard return booked 14 days in advance.







Kathryn Knight prepares to board her Paris flight while Richard Edgley, European Passenger Services director, explains the Eurostar delay to Tim Jones, boarding right

Flying start for Trafalgar to Triomphe

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

WHILE my colleague fumed on his broken down Eurostar train at Waterloo, I was sipping lukewarm coffee aboard the 9.15am Air France flight from London to Paris Orly.

My journey had begun two hours earlier at 7.15am, in a rain-sodden Trafalgar Square. An hour-long Tube journey from Leicester Square costing £6 return took me to Heathrow for the 8.15am check in.

There was just enough time, after baggage checks and passport control, to grab breakfast in one of the bland airport cafes, where an orange juice, coffee and some cardboard masquerading as a croissant set me back £3.60. However I was grateful for the sustenance when faced with the Air France economy class version of breakfast — a tiny cellophane-wrapped sandwich and an unappetising muffin. It was served with charm by an Air France hostess, but sadly had to be left untouched.

The flight arrived on time at 10.25am, but delays at passport control meant another half an hour before I left the airport. The Air France coach — £4 to the centre of Paris — hit heavy traffic and took 40 minutes. A five-minute taxi ride took me from the bus terminal at Invalides to my rendezvous at the Arc de Triomphe, only to find, after a call to the office, that my Eurostar colleague would be at least another two hours.

I had arrived well ahead, but my journey had taken four and a half hours and a large dose of patience.

I arrived feeling frazzled, and grateful that my colleague's delay allowed me time for a glass of wine and a *croque monsieur*.

☐ Kathryn Knight paid £199 for a return Air France ticket. Taxis, the airport bus, the Tube and sundries cost a further £20.





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Treatment hailed as breakthrough

Drug offers hope to arthritis sufferers

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

A NEW treatment for rheumatoid arthritis could transform life for millions of patients around the world.

The firs full-scale trial has confirmedhopes that the treatment maybe a breakthrough. Patients tor whom existing drugs hat proved ineffective were giver a single injection of the new compound at four centres — the Kennedy Institute of Rhaumatology in Hammersmith west London, and at hospitas in Germany, Austria and the Netherlands.

The patients were divided into three groups, one being given a placebo and the others either a low or a high dose of a genetically-engineered antibody, deigned to block the process o inflammation. The responses to the treatment were "impressive", a team led by Profesor Ravinder Maini of the Kennedy Institute reports in this week's issue of *The Lanet*.

Those on the high-dose regime didbest, with symptoms such as tender or swollen joints being reduced by 60 per cent. The results, say the authors of the *Lancet* paper, "define a new direction for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis".

The treatment is an antibody against a substance called tumour necrosis factor (TNF), a protein produced by inflammation which is involved in the destruction of the joints. TNF, so-called because when first discovered it was hoped that it could destroy tumours, is also involved in the process of septic shock, a common cause of death in elderly hospital patients.

The American biotechnology company Centocor, based in Philadelphia, developed the TNF antibody to treat septic shock, but it proved a failure. Professor Maini and Professor Marc Feldman were given samples to test their theory that it would be effective against arthritis.

In a second paper in *The Lancet*, the Hammersmith team report on seven patients from the preliminary trial who have been given further injections of the drug. This shows that the same benefit is obtained each time, indicating that the drug may be effective in the long-term management of the disease.

The effects of the injections, Professor Maini says, are about the same as massive doses of steroids, but are much longer lasting.

The success of the therapy has been independently confirmed by researchers at the Middlesex Hospital and Guy's Hospital, who are to present their results at an American scientific conference soon. German tests with another TNF blocker made by Roche have also produced good results.

Now a further trial has begun at the Kennedy Institute to determine whether long-term control of the disease can be achieved.



Louise and camera

Photo wins by a neck

Louise Dean yesterday became the first girl to win the British Gas Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition. Her shot of a giraffe in Tarangire National Park, Tanzania, won her a bronze trophy, £500 and a day out with a wildlife photographer. Louise, 15, from Weybridge, Surrey, who received her award from David Bellamy at the Natural History Museum in London, said: "I think the diagonal line of the neck makes it a pleasing composition."



This picture of a browsing giraffe, taken from inside a vehicle, won Louise Dean the young photographer title

VAT on fuel will boost heart deaths say doctors

BY JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

DEATHS from heart disease may be up to 70 per cent higher this winter than in the summer because increased heating bills will make it harder for people to ward off the effects of cold weather on the circulation, according to specialists.

Hart attacks occur more frequently in colder parts of Britan and the effect is likely to beaggravated by the Government's decision to impose VAT n fuel. Studies show that mortality rises by 7 per cent for each one degree centigrade drop n temperature.

The difference between summer and winter temperatures in Britain results in a rise i blood pressure which increases the risk of a heart attack by 21 per cent and a stroke by 34 per cent, according to Peter Wilmshurst, consultan physician at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, writing in the *British Medical Journal*. Constriction of the blood vessels, thicker blood and its greate propensity to clot all create an increased load on the heart.

Graham Watt, professor of genera practice at the University of Glasgow, says in the *BMJ* hat the imposition of VAT o fuel will have widespread ill effects on health by reducing heating and income.

☐ Poo women who develop breast cancer may receive worse treatment than more affluet women, according to a study in the *BMJ*. A study of 1,000 ases in Glasgow found no diference in the stage and aggresiveness of cancer in deprived women. The researchers concluded that differenes in treatment or response to treatment must account for the inequality.

Children of cancer survivors at no risk

BY OUR HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

SURVIVORS of childhood cancer who become parents are at no greater risk of giving birth to damaged children than healthy parents, according to research.

Fears that radiotherapy and chemotherapy given to children might damage their reproductive cells, causing an increased risk of congenital defects in their offspring, were not borne out by the study, which collated reports from around the world on 4,000 children born to patients successfully treated for cancer.

The children were also at no greater risk of developing cancer after excluding rare inherited tumours.

Writing in the *British Medical Journal*, Dr Mike Hawkins, of the Childhood Cancer Research Group at Oxford University, says two thirds of patients treated for childhood cancer survive at least five years and nine tenths of those are probably cured.

Professor Gordon McVie, scientific director of the Cancer Research Campaign, said: "We owe it to our children to be absolutely sure that the therapies we administer save their lives — but not at the expense of diminishing their quality of life or the children that they parent."

☐ A campaign aimed at highlighting the damage that can be caused when young babies are shaken was launched by health experts yesterday.

The Kent Child Protection Committee, concerned that shaking was a factor in a number of unexplained child deaths in the county, wants to spread the message that shaking a baby can cause retinal haemorrhage leading to loss of sight and other disabilities.

WEEKEND SHOPPING

A day to celebrate diversity of apples

BY ROBIN YOUNG

TODAY is Apple Day, and this weekend fruiterers and supermarkets will be doing their utmost to promote the diversity of apples grown in Britain, with many varieties both traditional and modern to set beside the flag-carrying Cox's at 35p to 59p a lb.

With Hallowe'en looming there will also be colourful displays of pumpkins for baking, pie-making or lantern-carving, at 15p to 30p a lb.

High winds in the South have resulted in a shortage of some fish, but there are good oil-rich herrings, mackerel and sprats from the North.

The best bargains for meat are in British beef, particularly steaks and roasting joints.

Best buys include:

Asda: beef rump £2.98 a lb; shoulder of lamb £1.09 a lb; 3lb winter vegetable pack, 49p; Bramley apples, 32p a lb; six kiwi fruits, 69p.

Budgens: boneless fresh pork chops, £1.89 a lb; half-fat cottage cheese, 49p for 8oz tub.

Co-op: Birdseye beef grill steaks, £1.89 for six; cauliflower florets, 49p a lb; frozen battered onion rings, 69p a lb.

Gateway and **Somerfield:** tenderised beef steak, £2.68 a lb; mixed peppers, 69p a lb; white grapes, 39p a lb; conference pears, 29p a lb.

Harrods: rainbow trout, £1.60 a lb; fresh plaice, £2.60 a lb; Fourme d'Ambert, £4.68 a lb; Gaperon cheeses, £5.22 each.

Iceland: grade A chicken, £2.99 each; 2lb of peas, 55p; 20 fish fingers, 75p; 20 burgers, 79p; 3lb of mince, £1.99.

Marks & Spencer: haddock cutlets, £1.59 a lb; double Gloucester cheese, £1.49 a lb; 10 chicken breast fillets, £7.99.

Safeway: topside, silverside or top rump, £1.98 a lb; 15 fresh eggs, £1.35; Wiltshire ham, 65p a ¼ lb; 10 oranges, 99p.

Sainsbury's: 2lb 14oz chicken, £2.19; 12 free range eggs, £1.19; parsnips, 49p a lb; black seeded, grapes 49p a lb.

Tesco: rump steak, £2.99 a lb; pork rolled shoulder, 98p a lb; fresh rainbow trout, £1.88 a lb; satsumas, 55p a lb.

Waitrose: Scotch brisket, £1.99 a lb; white cabbage, 19p a lb; satsumas, 39p a lb; Spartan apples, 39p a lb.

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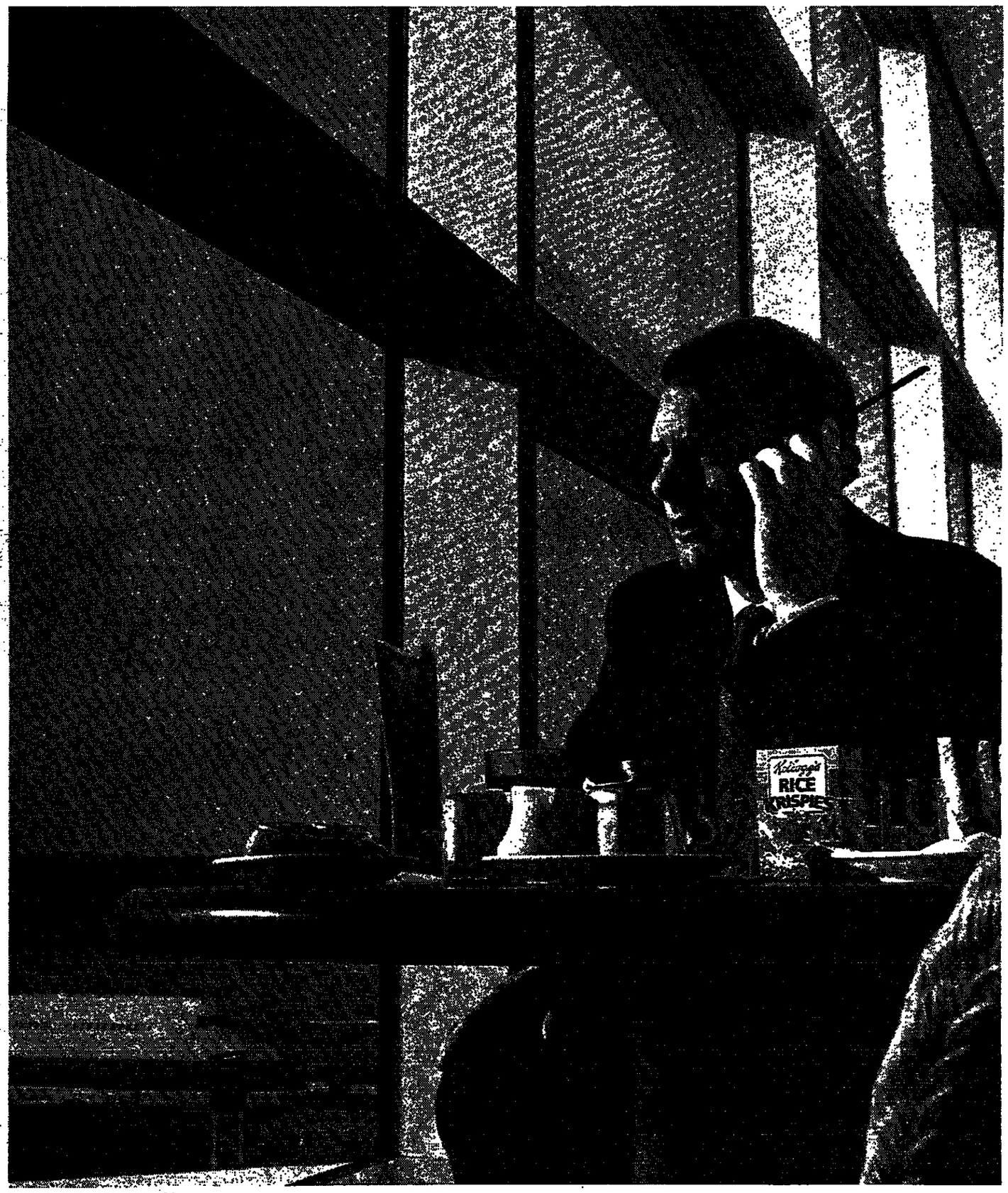
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Sinn Fein denies that republicans are split over support for IRA ceasefire

Major expected to start peace talks countdown

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND NICHOLAS WATT

THE Government could be holding talks with Sinn Fein within weeks after a visit to Belfast today by John Major aimed at revitalising the search for a lasting peace in Northern Ireland.

Mr Major is expected to use his visit to announce that he is willing to begin the countdown to exploratory talks before Christmas involving civil servants and security chiefs. It is unlikey that there will be any ministerial contact before 1996.

On Monday Mr Major will meet Albert Reynolds, the Irish Prime Minister, at Chequers for a summit intended to speed up agreement on a document setting out a framework for a later round of talks involving all the constitutional parties in Northern Ireland and the Dublin government.

Yesterday Sinn Fein leaders rejected rumours that republicans are split over the ceasefire. During the seven weeks since the truce began, the Government's cautious response is said to have led some members of Sinn Fein and the IRA to question the wisdom of the move. However, Martin McGuinness, a leading Sinn Fein member, said he was "absolutely and totally 100 per cent confident that Irish republicans are totally united".

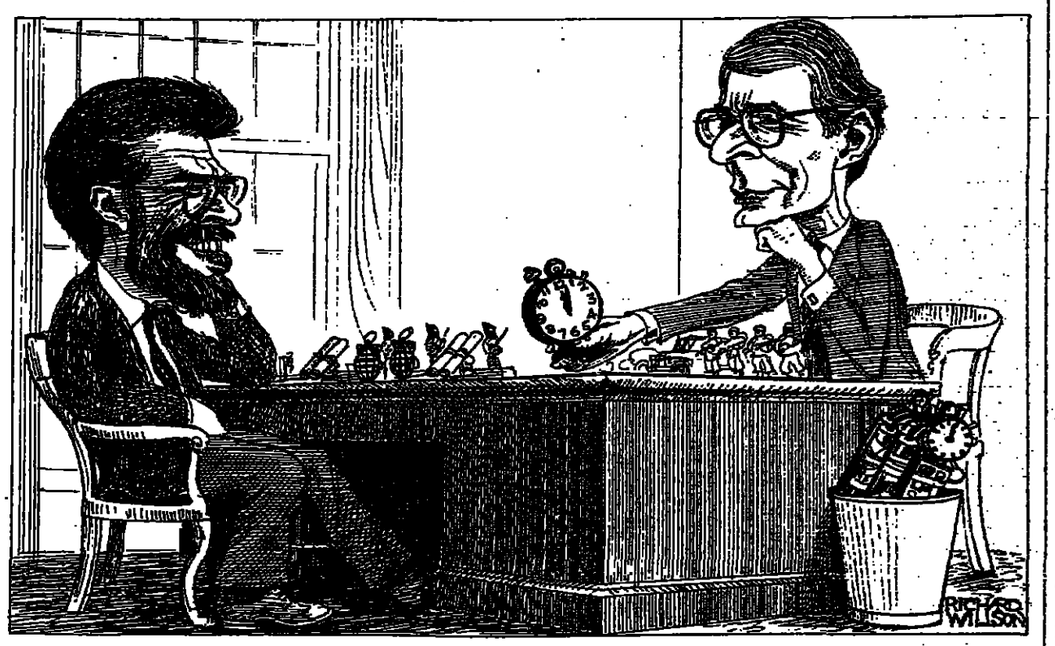
Mr Major won backing from his Cabinet colleagues yesterday for the next phase of his personal campaign to end the 25 years of bloodshed. "He is now free to play his hand as he wants," an aide said.

Last month Mr Major chose Belfast as the stage for critical announcements about the future of the Province when he lifted the broadcasting ban on Sinn Fein and promised its people a referendum on their future. He is expected to employ similar tactics today when he says that the Government is prepared to move ahead to exploratory talks on the "working assumption" that the IRA ceasefire is permanent.

In a further gesture towards the Nationalists, he may also announce that he has decided to lift the exclusion order banning Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, from mainland Britain. Many Tory MPs believe that the order, much like the broadcasting ban before it, has outlived its usefulness.

By starting the clock ticking, Mr Major will pave the way for the exploratory talks. The aim will be to bring Sinn Fein into the proposed discussions among the constitutional parties. Difficult topics will be addressed — not least Mr Major's demand that the IRA hand over their weapons — before the next phase begins.

Mr McGuinness, speaking after a meeting with Mr Reynolds in Dublin, accused the Government of being churlish in its response to the ceasefire, and demanded the removal of troops from the streets of Northern Ireland within weeks. He said there was no need for soldiers in the light of the IRA and loyalist ceasefires, and he accused the RUC of stepping up its harassment of nationalists in recent weeks.



However, he was upbeat about the chances for progress saying: "I think it's wrong for people to have any pessimistic attitude at all about how we intend to move forward. We have always recognised there would be difficulties, we also recognised the British would be churlish. But the peace process is on course."

Mr Adams, who was holding his second meeting with Mr Reynolds since the IRA ceasefire, said he was convinced that Northern Ireland was heading to a negotiated settlement. He added a note of caution by saying: "Of course it has to be capable of winning the allegiance and agreement of all sections of our people, and that includes the Unionists."

Tory party conference cost £2.6m to police

BY JONATHAN PRYN
POLITICAL REPORTER

THE cost of policing the Tory party conference in Bournemouth was a record £2.6 million this year, despite the reduced security risk after the IRA ceasefire.

Figures released by the Home Office yesterday showed that the policing costs dwarfed those of the Labour conference in Blackpool (£90,000) and the Liberal Democrat conference in Brighton (£3,500). Last year the Tory conference in Blackpool cost £1.5 million to police.

The new figures were condemned as absurd and excessive by Tony Banks, the Labour MP for Newham North West. "It's really getting out of hand," he said. "I will be looking forward to a marked reduction for next year's Tory party conference."

Security measures this year included a Royal Navy minesweeper cruising off the Dorset coast. Tory conferences often cause resentment among the host town's council tax payers, who bear half the cost of security.

Straw and Cook move into top Labour jobs

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ROBIN COOK and Jack Straw gained two of the top jobs in Tony Blair's new team as the Labour leader announced a substantial reshuffle of his shadow Cabinet last night.

Margaret Beckett, however, the former acting leader who was tipped to get a top job as consolation for defeats in both leadership elections, was given the middle-ranking health job.

Mr Cook, who polled the most votes in the shadow Cabinet elections changes places with Jack Cunningham to become shadow Foreign Secretary. Jack Straw moves to home affairs as his reward for masterminding Mr Blair's leadership campaign.

Determined to stamp his authority, Mr Blair was ruthless about promoting those he wants most to shape the party. Sources close to Mr Blair said the new shadow Cabinet presented "a strong and winning team with big hitters in big jobs".

After speculation that Mr Cook was unhappy about being moved from an economic portfolio, Mr Blair has made clear that he will remain a key player in Labour's economic strategy.

Mr Cook is to work closely with Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, whose job he coveted, and with John Prescott, the deputy leader. Mr Blair made known that Mr Cook would join Mr Prescott, Mr Brown and the Labour leader on a special economic sub-committee, to shape the party's strategy in the run-up to the next election.

Mr Straw, who moves several notches up from environment, is one of the key modernisers in the party and was the first shadow minister to call for Clause Four to be dropped. However, constitutional reformers in the party fear that Mr Straw, who is against proportional representation, will not push through changes fast enough. His big promotion, despite a poor showing in the shadow Cabinet poll, will inevitably boost his influence within the party.

Harriet Harman, who came fifth in the poll, was given the employment post, while Gordon Brown, as expected, stays as shadow Chancellor. Frank Dobson, moves from transport to a new beefed-up post as shadow Environment Secretary, where he will take over the combined responsibilities of local government and environmental protection.

Inevitably there were losers. Margaret Beckett is said to have reluctantly accepted health after at least two meetings with Mr Blair yesterday. The former deputy leader had expected a bigger reward for holding the fort after John Smith's death. However, insiders pointed out that Mrs Beckett would be extremely effective against Virginia Bottomley in a post which has always been high profile for Labour.

Mr Cunningham is also said to have resisted his move from foreign affairs to trade and industry, arguing that the party needed to take a strong pro-European stance in the approach to the next election. Mr Cook is more sceptical and pro-Europeans fear that his appointment will send the wrong message to the party and the electorate.



Cook: new shadow foreign secretary



Beckett: moves to middle-ranking post

Mr Blair moved all but six MPs. Marjorie Mowlam moves from heritage to Northern Ireland, which will be a shadow Cabinet post for the first time. Chris Smith is promoted from environmental protection to heritage. Michael Meacher is promoted to transport. Ann Taylor, the beleaguered shadow Education Secretary, becomes shadow Leader of the House and spokeswoman on the Citizen's Charter.

Donald Dewar, stays at social security where he will help to shape Labour's response to the Social Justice Commission and draw up the party's welfare reforms. George Robertson, who entered the shadow Cabinet for the first time last year, stays as Scottish spokesman and Ron Davies retains his post as shadow Welsh secretary.

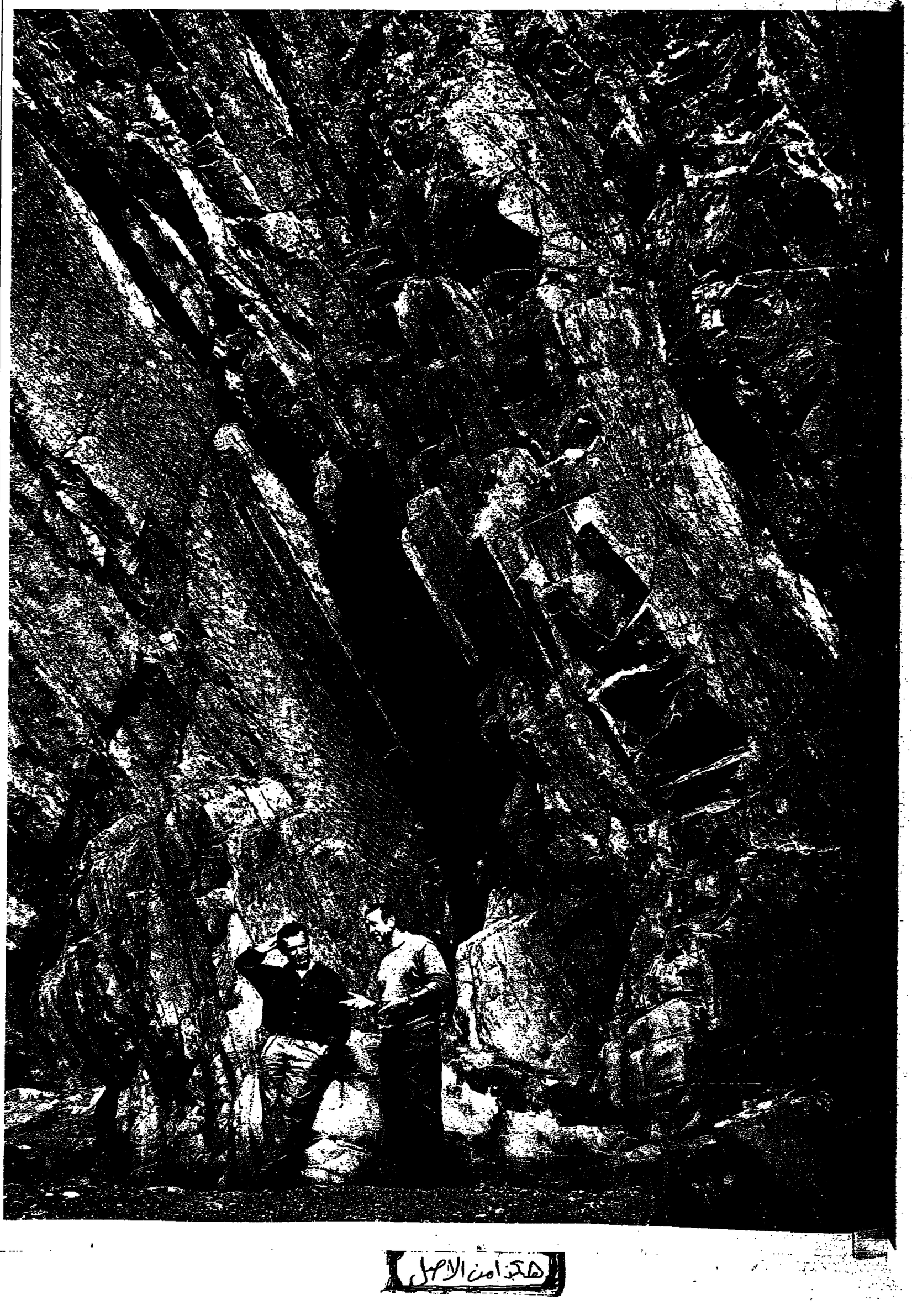
Gavin Strang, another newcomer, becomes shadow Agriculture Minister, and Joan Lestor moves from family and the children to overseas development.

Mr Blair also announced the appointment of two senior front bench posts: Clare Short, will be responsible for women's issues and Andrew Smith, now in the Treasury team, becomes shadow Chief Secretary.

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Commons (9.30): Debate on private member's motion on the health service in London.



Peace team discusses new deal for Bosnian Serbs

BY JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

PEACE negotiators are considering new concessions to Bosnia's Serbs to break the stalemate in the Balkans. At a strategy session in New York this week, Russia insisted that the International Contact Group should amend its "take-it-or-leave-it" proposal to allow the Bosnian Serbs to form a confederation with the Serb-led rump of Yugoslavia.

Three factors have given the group's discussions increased urgency: Washington's plan to seek a six-month timetable for lifting the UN arms embargo on the Muslim-led Bosnian government; fears of a new war in Croatia; and the prospect of a third winter of conflict in Bosnia, with United Nations peacekeepers trapped between hostile warring sides on the ground and a Nato which wants to adopt a more aggressive airstrike policy.

European governments are desperate to make progress in peace talks before the spring. The negotiators are also anxious to involve Croatia more closely in an overall settlement and to resolve the status of secessionist Serbs in Croatia.

Lord Owen, the European Union negotiator, said this week: "The Croatian Serbs feel they have not had enough political attention. It is not in anybody's interest for the Croatian Serbs to be pushed in frustration into the arms of the Bosnian Serbs."

Yasushi Akashi, the UN special envoy, said in Zagreb yesterday that he expected international mediators to finalise a "complex and ambitious" peace plan for Croatia soon. He also urged Croatia not to pursue threats to force the UN unit to withdraw and go to war with the Serbs again.



Owen: emphasises need to hear Croatian Serbs

Britain, France, Germany and America have accepted Russia's case in principle that the Bosnian Serbs should be able to confederate with Serbia and Montenegro in the same way that the Muslim-Croat part of Bosnia can join Croatia.

America, fearing the final break-up of Bosnia and the creation of a "Greater Serbia", argued that the Bosnian Serbs should not be given this right until they have committed themselves to a peace plan guaranteeing the existence of a single Bosnia.

Russia is seeking a further easing of sanctions against the rump Yugoslavia — a move opposed in Europe and America. The five-nation group is trying to break the deadlock caused by the Bosnian Serbs' refusal to accept a peace package allotting them 49 per cent of Bosnian territory, compared to 70 per cent that they now hold. A series of meetings in New York this week culminated with a discussion of peace moves among senior officials from all five countries on Wednesday. With the Serb-led rump of Yugoslavia already stopping all but humanitarian supplies to the Serbs across the border in Bosnia, the Western powers were looking for ways to put more pressure on the Bosnian Serbs.

The Western Contact Group nations said they wanted to increase the Bosnian Serbs' isolation by seeking the mutual recognition of the three states at the centre of the conflict — Bosnia, Croatia and the rump Yugoslavia.

Of the three, only Bosnia and Croatia have formally recognised each other's existence since the break-up of the old Yugoslavia. Mutual recognition of all three states would leave the Serbs in Bosnia and Croatia out in the cold. At Wednesday's strategy session, however, Russia argued that it would be political suicide for President Milosevic of Serbia to recognise both Bosnia and Croatia without further concessions to the Serbs.



A Danish peacekeeper in Sarajevo disentangling a comrade from barbed wire

UN rails at fuel blockade

FROM REUTER IN SARAJEVO

UNITED Nations military officers yesterday blamed General Ratko Mladic, the commander of the Bosnian Serb army, for a fuel blockade that is jeopardising peacekeeping operations in Sarajevo and eastern Bosnia.

"We understand General Mladic himself has ordered that fuel convoys not be allowed through," a United Nations Protection Force (Unprofor) spokesman said as Yasushi Akashi, the UN special envoy, prepared to tackle Bosnian Serb leaders on the fuel crisis and the disruption of aid distribution. "The fuel situation remains critical," the spokesman added. "We cannot fulfil any of our tasks if we don't have the fuel." Unprofor would take "extremely strong" action against Bosnian Serbs if fuel convoys continued to be obstructed.

UN forces said their stocks of fuel in Sarajevo and three UN-protected Muslim enclaves were down to a matter of days. Serbs blocked three more fuel convoys yesterday, leaving UN commanders helpless and fuming.



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Disciples of holy war answer call to fight and die

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN ZENICA

■ The presence on the Bosnian battlefield of Mujahidin fighters is making the West nervous

The Tunisian fighter was a long way from home. In the distance stretched the green of Bosnia's hills but, despite rock music booming from a café near by and pretty women clad in skin-hugging clothes, he felt bonded to this land.

Motioning behind him to Travnik's minarets, he spoke with certainty of the fate awaiting him and his brothers: "We are coming here to die, not to leave. That is why we shall win."

The presence of the Mujahidin in Bosnia-Herzegovina is one of the most contentious aspects of the conflict. The participation of the Islamic freedom fighters — shock troops or extremist exiles — in a European war has excited Western paranoia with visions of a Bosnian Islamic state: the supply lines stretching from the Adriatic and Turkey to Iran and laying the foundation of a disaffected Muslim nation within the frontiers of Europe.

They are the face of a complex international brotherhood of Islamic fighters, linked by so-called "aid organisations" and sources of funding. To dismiss the Mujahidin as a passing phenomenon is to underestimate their financial clout and misunderstand the concept of their *jihad* (holy war) and the opportunity offered to them by Bosnia's plight.

First arriving in Bosnia in 1992, they were led by Abdul Aziz, a red-bearded Saudi. He organised the groundwork for their deployment in the central Bosnian town of Travnik, historically the seat of the Ottoman Grand Vizier. According to a man who was party to this initial stage of operations, Mr Aziz was a veteran of the Afghan war and one of the main figures behind an international "star chamber" of Mujahidin that takes its holy war to far-flung theatres ranging from the Philippines to Kashmir.

Mr Aziz has since left Bosnia, first for Albania and latterly Pakistan. He was succeeded for a time by Abul Hariz, a Libyan, and more recently, by a new "emir". Between 400 and 600 fighters have spread throughout the state, arriving via staging posts in Bosnian Serb and Croatian territory.

The panapoly of nationalities — Saudi Wahabbis, Syrian Alawis, Iranian Shias, Palestinians from Hamas, Muslim Brotherhood Egyptians, Afghans, Kuwaitis, Sudanese, and North Africans — is drawn together by their determination to defend and reclaim Islamic purity from the threat of the infidel.

"The West says we are terrorists, but look what it did in Africa, in Algeria; nobody tells them that they are Fascists and terrorists," the Tunisian fighter said. "To become a member of the Mujahidin is something very serious, a sacrifice. You cannot return to your home once the government there knows what you are. Instead, we must follow the eternal path of *jihad*."

Denigrated by their opponents as either an embarrassment to Bosnia's secular pretensions or the vanguards of fundamentalism, their place in the republic's future is either exaggerated or dismissed. "We have come to Bosnia only to help," said one of their commanders, an Algerian named Abu Maali, at Mujahidin headquarters in Podbrezje, outside Zenica.

A black Islamic flag hung in the courtyard. In front of a row of wearied four-wheel-drive vehicles, the fighters gathered in groups. There were Arabs, Caucasians and Africans. Most of them were bearded, some with shaven heads, all in well-worn combat dress and heavily armed — hawk-eyed, lean and unforgiving.

Among them stood a handful of youthful Bosnians, part of an indigenous cadre of between 40 and 50, who are trained for six months at a time in Podbrezje before joining el-Mujahid, the primary integrated Bosnian Mujahidin unit. Similar fledgeling units, either trained, advised or influenced by the Mujahidin have sprung up elsewhere, such as the 37th Muslimanska Brigade, or the self-styled "al-Fatah".

A UN source in Zenica said: "Five years from now, there will be factionalised groups in this place: Lebanese, Afghan-style groups, very radical because of what they've been through and the homelands they cannot return to. It's the ideal location from which to launch terrorist action in Europe, with authorities who will not, for a long time, be strong enough to control it."

Genocide trial opens

FROM REUTER IN SALZBURG

A YOUNG Serb went on trial in Salzburg yesterday on charges of murder, arson and genocide in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the first such case to be held outside the former Yugoslavia.

Dusko Cvjetkovic, 26, denied all charges. Proceedings were adjourned until December 5 to allow state prosecutors time to summon witnesses, the APA Austrian news agency said.

Günther Stanonik, defending, warned the jury not to be influenced by "media indoctrination ... just because he is a Serb". He said he could prove Mr Cvjetkovic was a civilian and argued that the case should be treated like any other criminal trial.

Mr Cvjetkovic is accused of taking part in the sacking of the Bosnian Muslim village of Kucice in July 1992, of killing at least one person and ordering two others to a concentration camp where allegedly they later died.

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Aid row threatens free trade pact

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN BRUSSELS

PLANS to forge a political and economic pact between the European Union and the Mediterranean countries of North Africa and the Middle East may founder on the issue of aid.

The European Commission's blueprint for a "Euro-Mediterranean partnership", which would establish the world's largest free trade area, also extends to co-operation on foreign and security policy and joint action against terrorism, and would be accompanied by a doubling in EU assistance for the region. One of the Commission's central objectives is to provide an economic underpinning for the Middle East peace process.

The initiative counts among the most ambitious to emanate from the Brussels executive yet, on a scale similar to the plan that eventually led to the creation of the European Economic Area, a free-trade pact between the EU and most of the European Free Trade Association (Efta) countries. The initiative, however, threatens to widen the strategic gulf between the EU's north and its drive to extend the EU towards the east, and the south, which is alarmed at the prospect of being relegated to the EU's outer fringes.

The southern states' objective to strike a balance in their favour is supported by the Commission. Manuel Marín, the Spanish commissioner in charge of relations with the Mediterranean, proposed to double development aid for the Mediterranean region to £4.5 billion for the next five years.

An EU official said the countries may not have the "absorption capacity" for such an increase in aid, although the plan would have the political advantage of persuading a reluctant south to drop its scepticism about expanding the EU to the east.

The aim is to establish similarly close relations with the EU's Mediterranean neighbours, except that in this case that relation would specifically exclude future EU membership.

However, the plan will face possible obstacles and certain delays. The German rotating EU presidency is bound to come under pressure to convene a ministerial EU-Mediterranean conference at the Essen summit in December. If the Germans resist, the issue will almost certainly be put on hold until the end of next year, when the Spanish occupy the EU presidency. Señor Marín expects that the negotiations could last 18 months, and the implementation could extend to more than a decade.

The northern countries — the majority after the next round of enlargement next year — are sceptical about certain elements of the Marín plan. While they favour the extension of free trade arrangements with Israel and countries of North Africa and the Middle East, they are reluctant to endorse the scale of the aid.

The political components of the pact could prove difficult on both sides. The EU wants to extract commitments about human rights and democratic government, which could prove a sticking point for some of the governments.



Simon Wiesenthal, the Nazi hunter, outside a barracks holding an exhibition on the Holocaust at the former Auschwitz death camp yesterday. It was his first return to the camp, where he was held during the Second World War

Dutch television viewers see 'mercy killing'

Amsterdam: Dutch television prepared yesterday to show unprecedented pictures of a doctor killing a terminally ill patient at his request.

The documentary, *Death on Request*, showed Dr Wilfred van Oijen putting Cees van Wendel de Joode to sleep with a sedative and then giving him a fatal injection. Van Wendel suffered from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, an incurable and severely debilitating neurological condition that gained its alternative name from the publicity surrounding the protracted illness of an American 1930s baseball star. Maarten Nederhorst's hour-long film, shown last night, tracked doctor and patient in the weeks before Mr van Wendel's death on March 3.

Euthanasia is formally illegal in The Netherlands, but a law passed last year laid down guidelines for doctors to carry out euthanasia at a patient's request. *(Reuter)*

Britain to give in on quotas

Brussels: Britain was last night poised to abandon its legal action against the European Commission over the fiddling of Italian milk quotas under pressure from other EU governments (George Brock writes). A hastily-summoned meeting of Finance Ministers here this morning is to consider a compromise solution to a row which has threatened to plunge the EU into financial chaos in the New Year.

Italy's government has refused to agree the new EU budget unless fines for milk quota-cheating are lightened and Britain's legal action lifted. But the solution under discussion here last night may anger British dairy farmers and Tory Eurosceptics. British officials were refusing comment on today's meeting. But Britain told its partners this week that the legal action would be dropped if all governments would sign a complex compromise designed by Bonn and the Commission.

Deputies brawl

Rome: Italian deputies punched and kicked one another in a parliamentary brawl provoked by a furious debate on the future of broadcasting. An usher was treated for a bloody nose. *(Reuter)*

Crash kills 17

Peking: Seventeen people died and more than 30 were injured when a freight train sliced a crowded bus in two at an unmanned level crossing here, China's official Xinhua news agency said. *(Reuter)*

Editor shot

Algiers: Farah Ziane, editor of *Revolution Africaine* magazine, was shot dead outside his home in Blida, near Algiers, the second journalist in a week to die in attacks attributed to Muslim militants. *(AP)*

Line of envy

Tokyo: Takako Sato, 39, was arrested for making 150,000 harassing telephone calls over eight years to a woman neighbour whose happiness she envied. The alleged victim had a nervous breakdown. *(Reuter)*

Theft denied

Paris: Jean-Marie Vianney Ndagijimana, Rwanda's Foreign Minister, denied absconding with £12[illegible] in government funds and [illegible] had differences with the Rwandan administration. *(AFP)*

Wander lust

Peking: An £800 reward is being offered for the recapture of a female panda in heat who escaped from Suzhou zoo by bending the bars of her cage in an apparent state of sexual frenzy. *(AFP)*



Thousands mourn Russian reporter of army corruption

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

THOUSANDS of Muscovites turned out yesterday to honour Dmitri Kholodov, 27, an investigative journalist killed by a parcel bomb on Monday. At a meeting before the funeral, his colleagues accused Russian army generals of responsibility for the murder in order to prevent investigation into their corruption.

Kholodov's newspaper, *Moskovski Komsomolets*, yesterday published material implicating Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister, in the alleged purchase of Mercedes cars with funds intended for the resettlement of troops withdrawn from Germany.

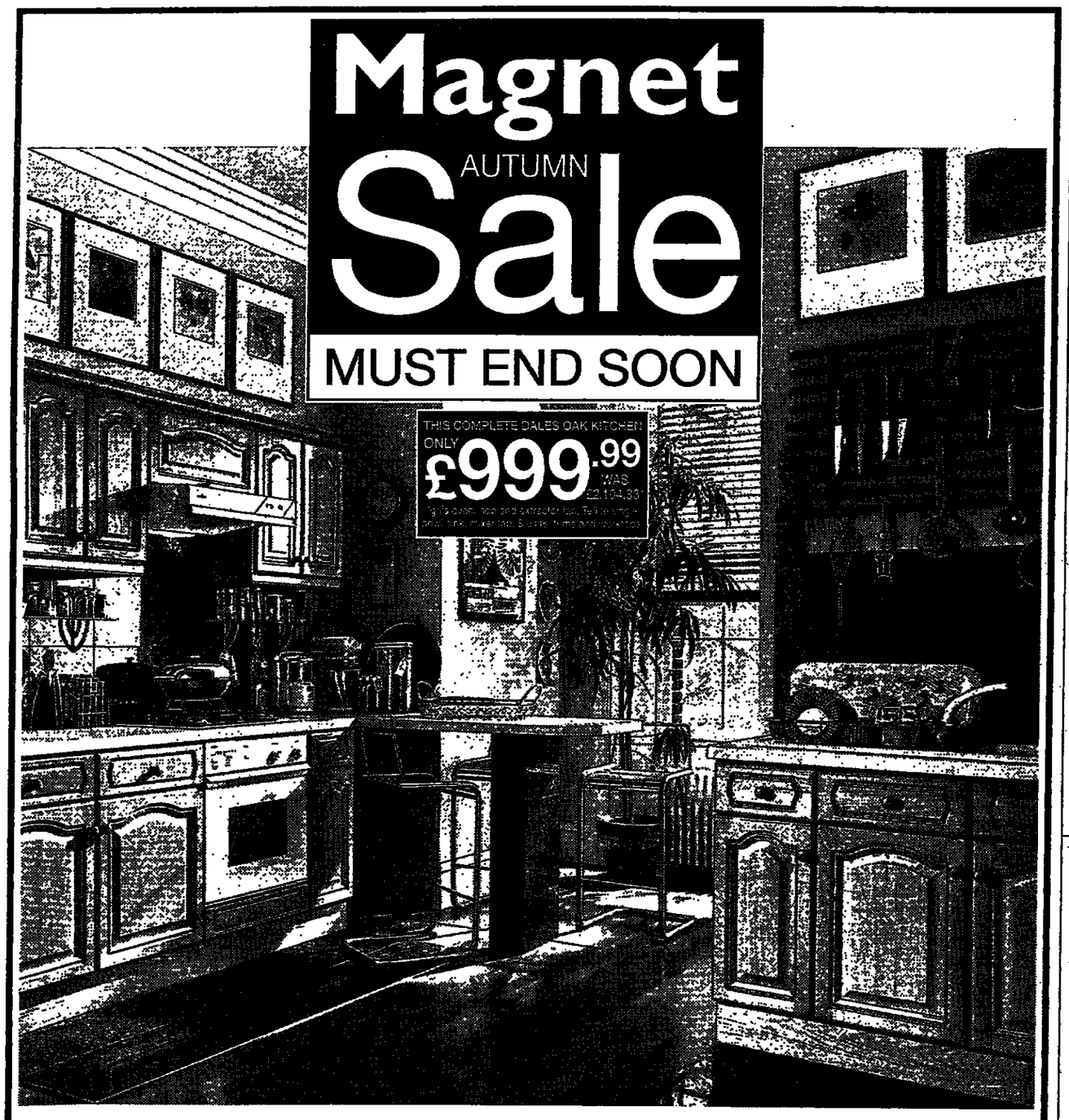
President Yeltsin last night defended General Grachev, describing him as "probably the best Defence Minister in the past ten years". Last year, Mr Yeltsin was accused of dissolving a commission on military corruption to avoid embarrassing the general.

Kholodov's investigations targeted the former Western Group of Forces, based in Germany, and its commander, General Matvei Burlakov, now First Deputy Defence Minister. After Kholodov's murder, Pavel Gusev, his editor, accused General Burlakov and General Grachev of responsibility. Both have denied this and any involvement in corruption.

Gusev said that among the stories that Kholodov was working on were the alleged illegal sale of Russian weapons to Croatia, and the alleged training of hired assassins by military special forces. If it were proved that the army did sell weapons to Croatia, it would cause a political outcry in Russia, where sympathy is on the side of Serbia.

Gusev also accused the Russian counter-intelligence service (FCS), successor to the KGB, of involvement in the murder. Speaking privately, an FCS officer denied this, but said that he found the idea of General Burlakov's involvement "entirely plausible".

At Kholodov's funeral feeling ran high against the army and pervasive crime and corruption. Worryingly for Mr Yeltsin and those in power, most of the crowd of 5,000 were the kind of people who used to turn out to support democracy. Yesterday, they were loud in their disillusionment. "The democracy we dreamed of has been hijacked by the old corrupt communist bureaucracy and the new mafia. They together carried out this killing," Lyudmilla Alexeyevna, a teacher, said.

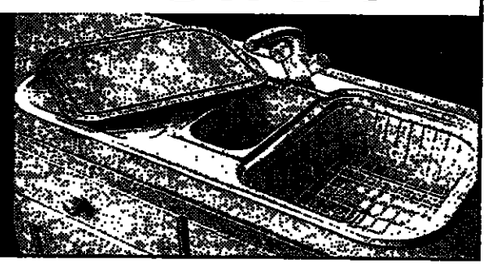


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Spate of blunders leaves the CIA fighting to survive

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

ROSARIO Ames, wife and accomplice of the most damaging spy in US history, will be sentenced today to at least five years' imprisonment.

Having co-operated with investigators, she says her one hope is that she will be sent to a particular prison near New York's Kennedy airport so that her five-year-old son, now living with her mother in her native Colombia, can visit and touch her. Her husband, Aldrich Ames, has already been jailed for life.

The sentencing will be the end of the story for this infamous couple, but not for the CIA. Thanks primarily to the Ames case, the 47-year-old Agency is fighting for its survival. Its prestige is in tatters, it has lost all sympathy on Capitol Hill and Congress is creating a 17-member commission to conduct a fundamental review of its role and usefulness.

Few doubt that the commission, to be led by Les Aspin, the former Defence Secretary, will recommend important structural changes. Conceivably it could back Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan's call for the CIA's abolition, with America's 11 other civilian and military intelligence agencies taking up the slack. "Everything is on the table," the Senate Intelligence Committee's general counsel, said.

The CIA's problems began with the Cold War's end. It was robbed of its raison d'être, but fought congressional attempts to cut its $3 billion (£1.85 billion) annual budget. It transpired that for years the agency had overestimated the Soviet Union's military and economic strength and had failed to foresee its inevitable collapse.

Things got worse. Women agents sued alleging rampant sexual discrimination in a heavy-drinking, male-dominated organisation. The CIA was found to be secretly building a huge $310 million office complex in suburban Virginia without telling Congress. James Woolsey, the CIA director, has proved "a genius at rubbing Congress the wrong way", according to a White House aide.

Having produced reports denouncing Jean-Bertrand Aristide, Haiti's then-exiled President, as mentally unstable, the CIA was found to be using senior members of Haiti's military regime as its informers. They included Emmanuel Constant, head of the violent paramilitary group called Fraph, who warned the CIA that a dockside demonstration would greet last October's arrival of the *USS Harlan County*, carrying American troops, and then helped to organise it. The *Harlan County* turned tail in one of the most humiliating moments of Mr Clinton's presidency.



Madonna listening to President Clinton at a New York dinner. The President was campaigning for Governor Mario Cuomo

Boost in polls fails to cheer Democrats

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

THE good news for President Clinton yesterday was that 19 days before the mid-term congressional elections his dismal approval ratings have finally begun to rise, after his foreign policy successes in Haiti and Iraq.

Unfortunately this was tempered by a dollop of bad news, including the resurrection of the Whitewater affair, unease about the US-North Korean nuclear accord being signed in Geneva today and figures showing the Republican party more popular than the Democrats.

In line with other new polls, a *Wall Street Journal*-NBC survey showed support for Mr Clinton up four points to 48 per cent since last month. Mr Clinton's pollsters estimate that historically each percentage-point rise in a President's ratings saves two congressional seats.

However, the same poll showed 41 per cent of respondents planned to vote for a Republican candidate on November 8, 36 per cent for a Democrat. This reverses the advantage the Democrats have enjoyed for four decades.

Given the proximity of the elections, it is probably no accident that Whitewater has suddenly resurfaced. Douglas Brown, a member of Mr Clinton's old Arkansas bodyguard, has stepped forward to corroborate charges that in 1986 Mr Clinton, as state Governor, pressed a Little Rock financier to make an improper $300,000 (£192,000) government-backed loan to the wife of his business partner.

Nobody questions that David Hale, a former judge, made the Small Business Administration loan to Susan McDougal, wife of Mr Clinton's partner in the Whitewater Development Corporation. However, Mr Clinton has repeatedly denied that he pressed for the loan — a claim now being investigated.



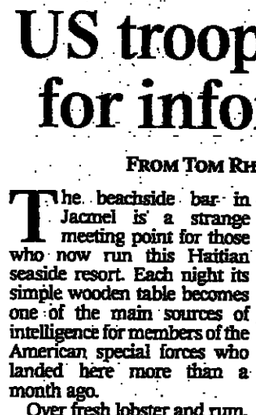
Clinton: applauding Mr Cuomo's speech

Lobster bar feeds US troops hungry for information

FROM TOM RHODES IN JACMEL

The beachside bar in Jacmel is a strange meeting point for those who now run this Haitian seaside resort. Each night its simple wooden table becomes one of the main sources of intelligence for members of the American special forces who landed here more than a month ago.

Over fresh lobster and rum, the unvaried daily fare, the handful of people at the table provide a miniature tableau of Haitian life. Max Church, the Canadian businessman who came to Haiti 20 years ago, bemoans the departure of Jean-Claude Duvalier who had provided Jacmel with the best international telephone line in the country. His neighbour, Patrick Boucard, a gun-toting local art dealer, has a mysterious past that few will discuss.



Aristide: backers plot demise of bourgeoisie

Behind the bar Jean-Pierre and his Rastafarian friend, Boubos, both staunch supporters of President Aristide, plot the downfall of the bourgeoisie; they accuse them of having never given any hope to the Haitian people. Presiding over this collective culture are American soldiers themselves, the new sheriffs in town who are billeted at Mr Boucard's home and come to the bar for their latest information.

The seaside town with its now-dilapidated French colonial architecture, palm trees and lapping clear water, has traditionally been an oasis of calm amid the turbulence and violence of other Haitian cities and towns. Even under the worst excesses of the last three years of military rule, most inhabitants in Jacmel admit that it has survived remarkably unscathed. Unlike other parts of the country such as Port-au-Prince and Cap-Haitien where American forces have dismantled the local military and become the effective police force, Jacmel has been a model of US diplomacy and cohabitation.

At any time of the day or night, say the Americans, they can call on the army commander, leading businessmen and even those who formerly ran the paramilitary party Fraph to discuss any apparent difficulties. "We know pretty much everything there is to know in this town," said Major Brian Schwalm, the special forces commander. "We have been pretty lucky."

The Americans have certainly been fortunate in their choice of location, but recent rumours suggest that Jacmel is not quite all it seems to be. People in the town say that the calm atmosphere has attracted Attachés from other parts of the country seeking sanctuary from Aristide supporters craving retribution. During the three years of their brutal regime, the paramilitary men enjoyed weekend trips to Jacmel, whose natural, deep-water port became a hub for smuggling arms, drugs and petrol from the Dominican Republic. The Attachés know the area well and many townsfolk believe they are hiding out in the hills.

"I have heard there are many who've arrived and more are coming each day," said Fatima, a local street hawker. "They realise they can survive untouched here."

The Americans deny any such theory, claiming they would be the first to know. The question is whether their sources at the beach bar, whose deep-seated fears of the Attachés linger still, would impart such information.

Magyar man uses pit bulls for status

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN BUDAPEST

THE latest status symbol among Hungary's burgeoning nouveaux riches is the pit bull terrier. As a fashion accessory, along with a shiny tracksuit and new top-of-the-range German car, it is helping to create the Magyar equivalent of Essex man.

Other adornments include a mobile telephone, strong biceps, gold chains and a blonde girlfriend. His favourite haunt is the premier shopping street of Budapest, Vaci Utca.

"They come in with their bimbo girlfriends, arrogance and very little taste. Their system of values is simple. Woman, dog, gold chain, in that order," said one picture restorer on the street.

The pit bulls have now earned the same disrespect as their masters following the first fatal attack in the country. Ilona Farago, 72, was attacked and had her throat torn out as she went to meet her husband at their weekend house in the town of Godollo, just outside Budapest. The two dogs belonged to a sex club owner.

With £4.6 billion of foreign investment, not all of the money ends up funding productive joint ventures that bring jobs to locals. Plenty is sloshing around in the grey and the black economy, triggering the growth of a new Thatcherite-style class of fast money merchants.

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Israelis brood on revenge in blast aftermath

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

AS BUSES in Tel Aviv drove in yesterday's bright sunshine with lights blazing in memory of the 21 Jews killed by Wednesday's suicide bomb, the people of Israel remained in a state of shock as profound as any in their 46-year history.

"Only by the immediate taking of military and political action will it be possible to feel that the initiative has returned to us," Yaacov Erez, a columnist, argued, expressing an emotion shared by hundreds of small groups of Jews discussing the tragedy in every area of the country, many with transistor radios clasped to their ears for the latest reports from the country's 24-hour army radio network.

Writing in the popular Tel Aviv daily *Maariv*, Erez said that only deeds could lift the nationwide feeling of frustration. "We have gone through wars, withstood lengthy periods of attrition," he said. "Now we are in a strange and unfamiliar reality, which demands a brutal price — both war and peace."

While the centre-left Cabinet chose to maintain secrecy about some of the repressive measures it approved yesterday against the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, suggestions from just one huddle of angry Jerusalemites were varied and sometimes bloodcurdling. One man wanted Israeli army helicopters to collect known Hamas sympathisers and their families from Gaza and the West Bank and fly them to southern Lebanon, where they were to be dumped, never to be allowed to return. He said all their homes and property should be destroyed.

Another member of the group fingered the revolver ostentatiously displayed at his waist. "I just want to find one Arab and put six of these bullets in his head," the man said. "The terrorists have got strong because they have the idea that under this Labour government us Jews have gone soft."

It was not just the enormity of the carnage that has made such a deep impression, but its location. Tel Aviv had always been seen as relatively safe from Jewish-Arab violence: a recent poll showed 40 per cent of residents of the self-styled "city that never sleeps" unwilling to travel to Jerusalem for fear of terror attacks there.

Robert Chernick, a psychologist from the nearby resort town of Herzilya, said: "It gives people a feeling [of] regression: that we are going backward instead of forward."

Foreigners scramble to win future Iraq deals

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN BAGHDAD

FOREIGN businessmen are flocking to Baghdad to clinch lucrative deals for the day when trade sanctions are lifted and one of the world's richest oil nations is back in business.

Company representatives from France, Russia, Turkey and Britain are currently in the Iraqi capital for preliminary talks with Iraqi officials to negotiate everything from oil drilling rights to rebuilding the country's shattered infrastructure.

Tashtan Revi, the director of the London-based Ganoil International, said this week that his company was on the verge of signing a new contract with Iraq when the Gulf conflict erupted four years ago.

"Iraq was an important market for us and I decided that it was time to come back and re-establish our links with the Iraqis," the Turkish-born British businessman said. "In spite of this latest upset, I believe it is time to come clean and restore the good relations we had before with Baghdad."

Although there seems little chance at the moment that sanctions will be eased following the build-up of Iraqi troops near Kuwait this month, the Iraqis have calculated that they will be able to outmanoeuvre the tough position taken by the Americans and British.

The Baghdad authorities have used the promise of fat contracts as a tool to undermine support for the United Nations sanctions and to drive a wedge between Security Council members.

"Any country that helps Iraq now will gain when the time comes to award contracts. When you are in a jam and someone helps you, you help them back," said Abdul Rezak al-Hashimi, the former Iraqi Ambassador to Paris, who now heads the ruling Baath party's foreign relations department.

"Those like Britain and America who insist on making us suffer today will pay in the future, that is for sure," Mr al-Hashimi added. He predicted that eventually the four-year embargo would crumble because Washington was steadily losing the international support needed to keep sanctions in place.

Certainly Baghdad has been encouraged by the recent arrival of several trade delegations from France, Russia and Turkey, who with the support of their governments, have lined up a number of multi-billion pound deals.

The Russians, who have taken the lead in trying to ease sanctions against Iraq, not surprisingly stand to gain the most if the boycott is lifted. Firstly they are owed £5 billion by the Iraqi government. They are also set to win substantial contracts for drilling and exporting Iraqi oil. More controversially, they would like to re-equip the Iraqi military, which is largely dependent on Soviet hardware.

Similarly France, which has also cast doubts on the need for maintaining sanctions against Iraq indefinitely, is keen to re-establish its traditionally strong ties with President Saddam Hussein. Paris has been lobbying hard behind the scenes to help the French companies Total and Elf clinch important oil contracts in Iraq.

As for the Turks, they have a vested interest in seeing Baghdad resume its oil exports because the crude from Iraq's northern fields is pumped through a Turkish pipeline.

Whatever political developments may occur in the region, businessmen in Baghdad are convinced that Iraq, which boasts the second largest oil reserves in the Middle East, cannot be excluded from the global economy much longer.

As a representative in Baghdad of the South Korean engineering company, Hyundai, explained: "Sooner or later, we will be back in business here. The market is just too big to ignore."



Saleh al-Souwi, the self-styled "living martyr" in the video released yesterday

Hamas video shows 'suicide bomber' in family farewell

FROM REUTER IN JERUSALEM

THE militant Muslim group Hamas issued a videotape yesterday purporting to show the man who carried out the suicide attack in Tel Aviv.

Saleh Abdel Rahim al-Souwi, 27, called himself a "living martyr" and said farewell to his family and friends, the normal practice of Islamic guerrillas about to embark on suicide missions. The timing suggested that al-Souwi could be claiming to have carried out Wednesday's bus attack, but he did not say so himself on the tape.

The last Israeli to get off the bus before it was blown up, however, denied that al-Souwi was the suicide bomber. Shown the videotape yesterday, Herla Vidor, 41, said: "It's not the person that I saw yesterday." She added that she believed the bomber was a nervous, older man who appeared to be European rather than an Arab, and who spoke in Hebrew but without a native accent. She described him as being "awfully tense" and hugging a briefcase close to his body.

Neither Israel nor Hamas, the Islamic resistance movement opposed to the Palestinian Liberation Organisation's self-rule peace agreement with Israel, formally identified al-Souwi as the suspected bomber. The tape was distributed to Palestinian journalists in the West Bank town of Nablus, still occupied by Israel, and was made available to the foreign media in Jerusalem.

In the video, al-Souwi gave a warning of further Hamas suicide attacks if Palestinian prisoners were not freed. The army has since told his family to leave their home in Qalqilya, in the occupied West Bank, because it would be demolished shortly.

"We will continue our brave suicide operations. There are many young men who long to die for the sake of God," al-Souwi said, holding a Galil rifle. He added: "I am 27 years old and I have nine brothers and sisters, five of them males and four females, and one of my brothers is the martyr, Hussein Abdel-Rahim Hassan al-Souwi, who was killed during confrontations with the occupying army."

The video was released after Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister, ended an emergency Cabinet meeting to map out a crackdown on Hamas.

Tehran condemns Clinton Gulf visit

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA



Khamenei: US trying to increase Gulf influence

PRESIDENT Clinton's decision to visit American troops in the Gulf next week has infuriated Iranian leaders, who have branded the Western military build-up as a threat to Iran's security.

They have accused the United States of using Iraq's sabre-rattling on the Kuwaiti border as a pretext to strengthen its position in the oil-rich region which Tehran considers its own backyard.

Ali Fallahiyan, the Iranian Intelligence Minister, said on Wednesday that the "presence of alien forces and their movements in Iran's immediate vicinity needs vigilance and full preparation for any eventuality". He described the Western military presence as a threat to his country.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's spiritual leader, had earlier accused America of raising a "ballyhoo" over the Iraq's military moves near the Kuwaiti border in order to justify Washington's strategic ambitions in the Gulf. "We believe the Global Arrogance (America) is using every possible pretext to strengthen its foothold in the region."

Iranian officials conceded privately there were fears in Tehran that America might use its forces in the Gulf as a bridgehead for an attack on Iran, which Washington describes as the "most active state sponsor of terrorism".

Wednesday's suicide bombing in Tel Aviv has drawn attention to Iran's funding of Islamic terrorist groups in Israel. In July, America accused Iran of plotting the suicide bombing of a Jewish community centre in Argentina that killed more than 100 people. Since the end of its eight-year war with Iraq in 1988, Iran, which considers itself the main power in the region, has sought to forge a regional military alliance that it would lead. It has strengthened its navy and bought two submarines from Russia.

Gulf Arab leaders, suspicious of Iranian ambitions, have cold-shouldered Tehran's calls for security pacts and have relied increasingly on the United States, Britain and other Western allies for protection.

Hossein Sheikholeslam, the Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister, warned Iran's Arab neighbours last week that foreign powers "do nothing but create tension in order to plunder the peoples' wealth and exert political, economic and military hegemony over the region".

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President Chissano on the campaign trail at a rally yesterday in the Mozambican port of Beira. He is expected to win another term

Poll raises Mozambican fears

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN MAPUTO

AS MOZAMBIQUE limps grimly towards the first real election in the country's history, next Friday, it is propped up with a crutch of 6,000 soldiers, police officers and observers from the United Nations, and is standing by for a further influx of international observers keen to see fair play.

The British contingent will include Neil Kinnock and Sir David Steel, both frequent visitors to elections in other Southern African states.

The fear is not that the election will not take place, or that it will be rendered meaningless through massive rigging. The real worry is what will happen after the results, when the international visitors depart. An anxious resident of Maputo, the capital, demanded: "What guarantee is there that the election result can be enforced?"

Voters, who endured a 16-year civil war, look with anguish across the Southern African plateau to another former Portuguese colony, Angola, where the election was held with the unanimous approbation of the international corps of election observers, but Jonas Savimbi and his Unita rebels did not like the result and took up arms once more. Mozambicans' fears are fuelled by statements from Afonso Dhlakama, the leader of the Renamo former rebel movement, who said he would not accept defeat in the election.

The man charged with verifying the demobilisation and disarming of the warring factions in Mozambique is an Italian, Colonel Pier Segala. He hopes that the process can be completed in time but, as was the case in Angola, he is not confident that he has the full co-operation of the armed forces. When his teams went to check three arms dumps under Renamo control, for example, he was given the wrong co-ordinates for one cache, the local leader could not find the second, and the commander failed to turn up at the third.

There are also still armed bands of militia, some of them with 1,000 members, who are not identified either as soldiers or paramilitaries by the government or Renamo, and who therefore are not counted by the UN teams.

The left-wing Frelimo government is also arming and training a rapid intervention force of police officers, ostensibly to deal with riots or other civil disorder, but a team of UN investigators discovered a month ago that they were being given training in heavy weapons, unlikely to be much use against rioters, but no doubt worth deploying should civil war break out again. Since those involved are policemen and come under the Interior Ministry, Colonel Segala can say they are none of his business.

Frelimo troops and Renamo fighters were both keen to get out of uniform — a UN poll showed only 2.1 per cent wanted to stay in the forces, while 97.9 per cent wanted to be demobbed — and far too few people wanted to join the unified army.

The new army consists of only 10,000 soldiers at present and has no chance of imposing a new government's will on a country as large as Mozambique. Colonel Segala points out that Mozambique is six times larger than Italy, and that Italy has an army of 150,000 troops. The only people who want to join the new army now are officers and sergeants, not privates.

Not everything points to a looming disaster. Western diplomats in Maputo describe themselves as optimistic. Virtually everyone agrees the elections will be held and will be fair. Diplomats say that peace will hold afterwards too, "provided an accommodation can be reached between Frelimo and Renamo".

President Chissano, for Frelimo, is expected to win the presidential election, but the assembly poll is less predictable. Perhaps the solution will lie in letting Renamo continue to govern those areas where it wins at the hustings.



Anri Inoue launching her party's campaign poster

Porn star bares political hopes

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

THE formation of a new political party by one of Japan's leading female pornography stars has bemused voters and tested the limits of the current trend toward political pluralism.

Anri Inoue, 31, says she was ready for a career change after starring in more than 50 pornographic videos since the early 1980s.

Her admiration for La Cicciolina, the porn star elected to Italy's parliament, inspired Ms Inoue to this week formally launch the Able Volunteer or "AV" Party, a play on the term "adult videos". Unlike her role model, however, Ms Inoue has projected a demure image in campaign posters that adorn the walls of her party headquarters in Tokyo.

The Able Volunteer party was not a joke, Ms Inoue said when she announced her policies. "We want to abolish all forms of discrimination against the sex industry. Women identified as sex industry workers can't even get bank loans or credit cards in Japan."

On the sensitive issue of defence, the party fully recognises and supports the existence of Japan's military forces. The party's rationale, however, sets it apart from all others. "Military personnel watch porn videos, so they must exist," Ms Inoue reasoned.

The party hopes to appeal to youth and women with policies that include lowering the minimum age at which people can run for parliament to 20 from the current 25 for the upper house of the Diet, and 30 for the more powerful lower house.

The core membership of the party comprises sex starlets, but Ms Inoue claims: "All sorts of people, from female office workers to students and my 80-year-old grandmother have offered to work for the party."

Political analysts so far have not rated the Able Volunteers' electoral chances. But one television commentator cited the rise to power of Tomiichi Murayama, Japan's first Socialist leader in more than four decades. "If a Socialist can become Prime Minister, why can't a porn video actress?"

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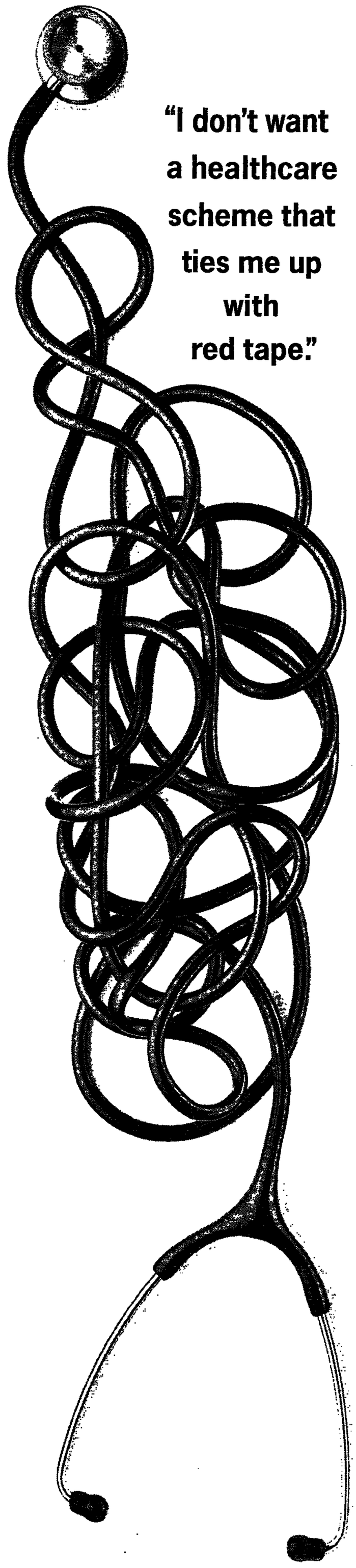
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How to tiptoe around the locals' feelings

The Queen is not the only one to be wary of regional touchiness



LIBBY PURVES

There is a journalistic rite of passage, somewhere between the bit where they send you out to fry an egg on the pavement and the bit where you do your first Housing Committee, when your area gets a royal visit and you have to trudge round debriefing the punters to whom the royal personage spoke. You find that encounters with the Queen Mother put people in a state of babbling euphoria ("Oooh, she was lovely!"); that the Duke of Edinburgh leaves them baffled ("I explained the extrusion process and he said 'Keeps you out of trouble, then?' "); and that with the Queen they are left insisting that they remember "her exact words".

Therefore I believe Galina Gusarova, the young biologist in St Petersburg, who heard HM say Manchester is "not such a nice place". However, assuming that the Queen speaks her own English properly, that word "such" lets her off the hook. I am sure the monarch abhors the sloppy habit of leaving it hanging. There is something missing: maybe she was politely demurring that Manchester is not such a nice place as St Petersburg.

But even if the monarch did insult Manchester, the amazing thing is that she never has before. Not by so much as a wince has she ever indicated that there are parts of her kingdom less thrilling than others. She has looked happy in Hemel and radiant in Rugby, made Peterborough feel precious and Darlington delightful (these names were drawn from a hat. *The Times* reveres all its readers equally. OK?). This amazing royal achievement can only be appreciated by those who, in a tiny way, daily share the risk of causing regional offence: BBC broadcasters. For the UK is a hotbed of local touchiness and civic umbrage: and on the air you share the Queen's problem, because quite correctly Britain assumes the BBC to belong equally to every square inch of it.

The networks practise an anguished geographical correctness, because they know that from Heckmondwike to Helford loyal pens are poised over the Basildon Bond. Small words are dangerous. If a presenter refers to an event "up in Liverpool" or "down in Penzance", the producer pales at the terrible offence implied by the suggestion that these places are not at the centre, but exist only relative to the hated capital. And can you say a play is on in "the West End" — arrogantly assuming that only one city has a west end — or do you annoy Londoners by adding "of London"? If guests use expressions like "a wet weekend in Wigan", it should ideally be made clear that the amenities of Wigan are superb and the weather unexceptional. I once attracted a *fatwah* from a major seaside town, just by omitting to break in and contradict an interviewee who accused it of having dodgy nightclubs. According to them, I should have instantly read out the comparative crime figures of the entire South Coast.

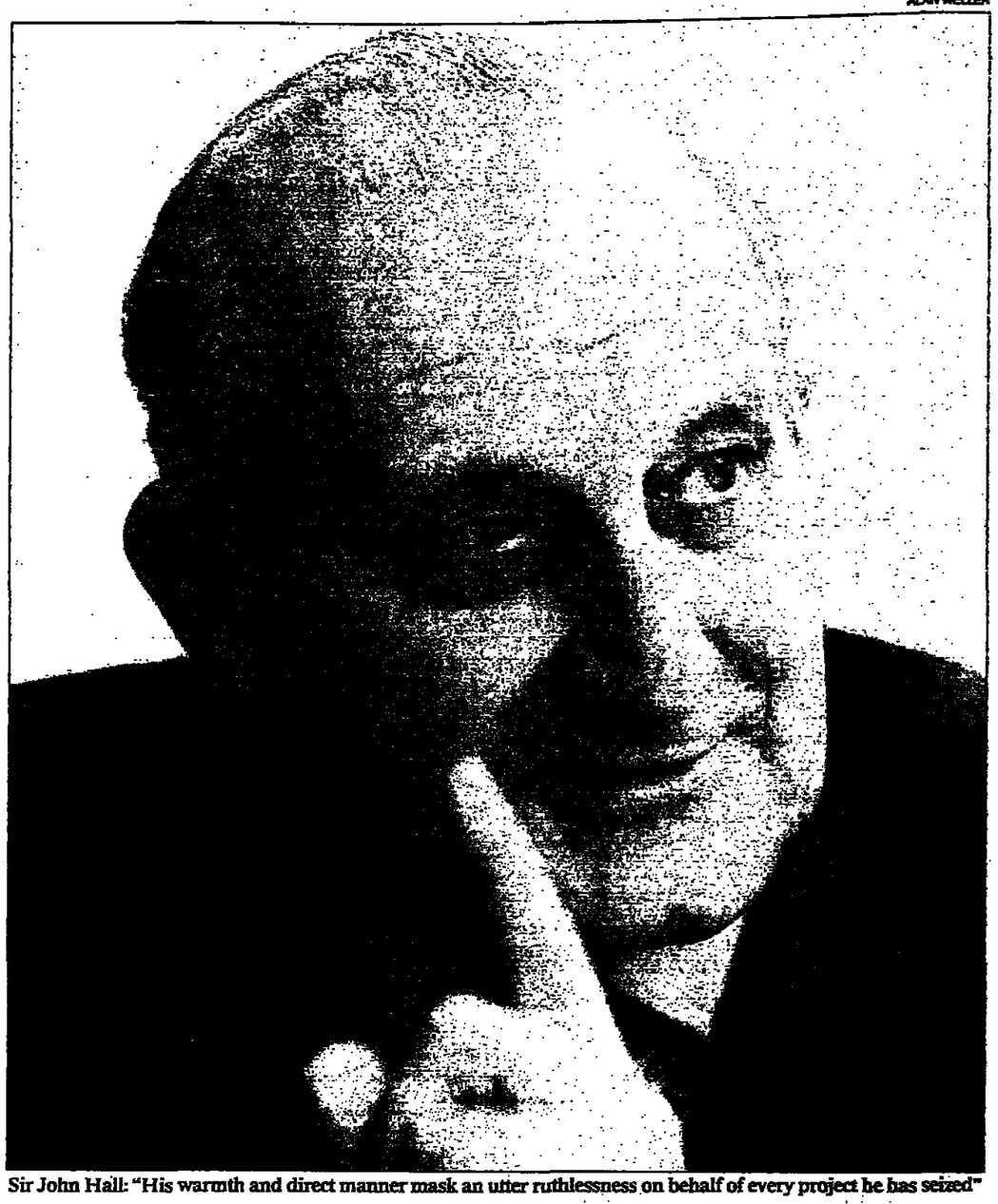
Worse is to come when regionally correct producers discover to their horror that half these places hate one another anyway. Do an outside broadcast in Leeds and you alienate Sheffield: in Brighton, and Hove sniffs. If you think that by praising Great Yarmouth you are going to thrill people next door in Gorleston, you have another think coming. And when *Songs of Praise* innocently arrives in a village thinking that people from three miles away will be shown to the best pew, they end up in a diplomatic nightmare from which Vance and Owen would flee screaming.

So if this really is the very first royal regional gaffe in 41 years, it is a miracle.

Sir John on the final-whistle tension of securing the Samsung investment

'I said, let's give these Koreans a game to remember'

ALAN WELLER



Sir John Hall: "His warmth and direct manner mask an utter ruthlessness on behalf of every project he has seized"

Football: that was the key. There was a moment when it looked as if the £500 million Samsung deal was going to go to Scotland. Sir John Hall, who is not a man who likes to see defeat staring him in the face, gritted his teeth, thrust out his determined chin and invited the Koreans to take one more look at how lush were his greenfield sites at Wynyard, the stately home near Middlesbrough he bought eight years ago — a piquant story in itself — from the Marquess of Londonderry. (Sir John started his working life down the mines. Londonderry was a scion of the once hated mine-owning family, no longer rich enough to maintain his inherited pile.)

In the dauntingly baronial hall at Wynyard, Sir John had often wined and dined the president of Samsung, Mr Lee. But when Samsung wanted a site for a massive modern industrial complex, every European country competed, Spain particularly. Eventually it came down to Wynyard or Lanarkshire, and the canny Scots seemed to be winning. But Sir John was cannier.

"Three weeks ago, it was decision time. On the Monday the Koreans went to Scotland, on the Tuesday they came back to Wynyard. The financial offer was the same — £58 million in government grants. I thought, how can we get an edge on Scotland? And I thought of football. The Koreans are football fanatics." Sir John is the man who rescued Newcastle United from its doldrums. "I said, 'You want to see football? We're playing Royal Antwerp tonight.' Their faces lit up. I rang Kevin [Keegan] who lives on my estate, and said let's give these Koreans a night to remember.

"They met Kevin and he took them on to the pitch, they met the players in the dressing room, they sat in my box, they got a very good meal, and we gave them scarves and hats which some of them put on. We had a good laugh. And of course it was a very good game, which Newcastle won 5-2. We'd given them something different. I'm certain that tipped the balance."

Of all the entrepreneurs who emerged from the Thatcher years, Sir John Hall remains the most plausible, dependable, and optimistic. His honest warmth and direct manner mask an utter ruthlessness on behalf of every project he has seized: the Metrocentre at Gateshead, the regeneration of Newcastle United — and now the Millennium Commission.

This Wednesday Sir John arrived in London for the Millennium Commission's first meeting in its spruce new Westminster headquarters, which has a memorable new telephone number, the last four digits being 2001. In the new year they will be considering the supplications for their largesse of a predicted billion a year: major projects like a festival? an international sports stadium? small bursaries for worthy causes?

Never mind that they sacked their chief executive, Nicholas Hinton, before he had even begun, and are advertising for a new one in this week's *Sunday Times*. Mr Hinton, the former director of the Save the Children Fund, proved unsuitable, and, in Sir John's view, if something is wrong you get rid of it at once. "It didn't work out," he says. "If you see a problem, deal with it, then it's over. Just a hiccup. We move on." He talks at rattling speed, his enthusiasm unquenchable.

Exciting times, he says, exciting times. I told him I keep hearing sceptical voices raised about who will buy a lottery ticket, apart from me. At a recent dinner I was at, a show of hands revealed that we were 50-50 for and against the lottery. "Fifty-fifty would be a good percentage," said Sir John, undeflatable. He is convinced that the money will come in out of the loose change jingling in our pockets: Mars bar money, bus fare money, buying tickets along with our cut-price *Times* at the newsagent's. "We have an opportunity to change the face of the UK. When has Heritage had this kind of money? Or the arts? Or sport? The Exchequer is for the first time allowing us to use our money for things we want to do. Ah think it's absolutely tremendous."

The night before he had been at St James's Park for the Uefa Cup match: Newcastle 3, Bilbao 2. Newcastle had been coasting home at 3-0 when an unseemly Mexican wave made the players complacent. "They failed to deliver the killer punch. But! You must be positive! That game's over. We're going to Bilbao in a confident frame of mind: undefeated in 15 games. We are getting full houses, and there is a tremendous atmosphere."

When he first became United's chairman, the club, which in my childhood won the FA Cup three times in four years, was at rock bottom and facing relegation. Sir John, who had been going to matches since the age of eight — he came from Ashington, like the Charlton brothers — has turned the club round in two years and financed the vast improvements to the stadium.

But his plans for the benefits of United's success go far beyond the boundaries of the stadium. He sees the club as a potent social force. With his staunch Methodist-Socialist background metamorphosed into unremitting Thatcherite business principles, he is evangelical. He knows, bluntly, that there is a whole generation of permanently unemployable kids up there. What they can be persuaded to do is play football rather than go on drugs and steal cars. "What Kevin Keegan says carries more weight than any chief constable."

So he has bought 300 acres of farmland near Newcastle airport to build a soccer academy and sports training centre. "So we can have an influence on their lives. I am determined that Newcastle United will provide a focus for the unemployable kids. And I can train them for jobs at Wynyard."

The Samsung investment will create up to 5,000 jobs. Wynyard will have three golf courses, two hotels, 1,000 houses as well as its business park: "a quality-of-life development" turning out 21st-century essentials — computers, microwaves, fax machines. "And we've planted a million daffodils." Sir John tells me.

He was newly galvanised by Peter Jay's recent *Panorama* on the Age of Fear, seeing the Delhi women working at their computers in the global marketplace. "Unbelievable! If we don't create the jobs, companies will go elsewhere, and we're done for. The appalling failure of my region is that we have the lowest level of kids staying on at school after 16. All the billions we've poured into education, we haven't got that message across. In my parents' day there was an excuse. They needed their children to go into the steelyards, the shipyards and the pits to support the family: those jobs have gone but the attitudes have not changed. When the new jobs come back, we have to be ready or we may as well go to the Far East." As he has always said, new business would not come to Tyneside just because Geordies are *nice people*...

"The North East has come a long way. But we had to fight. If we hadn't, unemployment would now be 35-40 per cent instead of the 11 per cent it is today. We cannot stop now. It's like Newcastle United. We've got promotion, but the hardest part is yet to do."

Sometimes it seems Sir John is operating a lone battle with his visions, making the North East a better place to live for his four grandchildren. "But when companies move it isn't always the economic factors that influence them. Sometimes it's where the chairman's wife sees a nice ladies' clothes shop." Or, more impressively, where the directors can see some winning soccer, and join in the chorus of "H'away the lads".



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When life is getting you down, there is an infallible pick-me-up: fly straight to the Big Apple with your gold card and an empty suitcase — and fill it

To New York for a little retail therapy

ONCE British aristocrats escaped the hurly-burly of public life by taking the waters at European spas. Now, the average beleaguered and lovelorn heiress heads for New York for some serious retail therapy, with much the same restorative results. Yesterday, the Princess of Wales became one of many who have found succour in the lingerie department of Saks Fifth Avenue, and happiness on the designer floor of Henri Bendel.

The Princess slipped into a Mercedes on the tarmac of JFK Airport on Wednesday afternoon, and was joined by her great friend, Lucia Flecha de Lima, wife of the Brazilian ambassador. The two holed up together in $500 suites in the Carlyle Hotel on the genteel Upper East Side, dined with Luciano Pavarotti, and then planned the serious business of the trip: a day of girly shopping.

This activity is well known as the only cure for female melancholia. When analysis and sympathy fail, pulling a bunch of credit cards from a Gucci handbag and using them mercilessly succeeds.

There is something about New York in the autumn, when Central Park is russet and gold and smells of fresh jogger, and the shops are full of the new longer-length skirts, higher heels and satin *décolletage* that makes the sap in a girl's blood rise and her wallet burst open.

The therapeutic effect of a shopping spree in New York on women with troubles back home has been noted before, for we at *The Times*' New York bureau have had our share of distressed damsels arriving by British Airways for the fall retail cure, holing up on the sofabed rather than the Carlyle, but indulging the same insatiable urge to spend, spend, spend. They arrive clad merely in jeans, carrying completely empty suitcases, and leave with them full. The only trace of the visit is an improved countenance and an enormous pile of discarded Barneys, Bloomingdale's and Banana Republic shopping bags.



KATE MUIR

The Princess is fond of the discreet Carlyle, where she stayed, again with Mrs Flecha de Lima, on a similar pick-me-up shopping trip last January, after a miserable Christmas in England. The hotel is conveniently within four blocks of the Ralph Lauren superstore, and tends to old-fashioned velvet, heavy marble, and fall foliage displays dripping with real pomegranates in its public rooms.

Soothed by such comforts, the Princess showed no sign of jetlag and was out on the retail trail early. Many stores, like Saks Fifth Avenue and Bloomingdale's, will allow celebrities who fear mobbing to shop out of hours, or will close a department for privacy.

Last January, the Princess favoured Saks and Henri Bendel, and bought some jeans at Banana Republic, the upmarket sister-shop of The Gap, but there is much speculation among spree observers that she will head to trend central: Barneys new department store, eight floors of sheer heaven, featuring designers from Calvin Klein and Donna Karan to Jil Sander and Todd Oldham.

Cunningly designed, Barneys fulfils a shopper's every emotional and physical need, starting with the womb-like Mad 61 restaurant in the basement, with lighting flattering to facelifts and soundproofing convenient for confidences. Above that, a whole floor of make-up and perfumes, and then designer after designer is layered on until the fulfilled customer reaches the beauty salon, gym and health day spa on the top floor. A trip to Barneys, which can easily last three hours, makes the outside world recede delightfully, as time stops.

Today, the Princess is continuing her holiday at the Brazilian ambassador's residence in Washington, and is expected to dine this weekend with the doyenne of Washington society, Katharine Graham, who owns the *Washington Post*. But it is in rich New York that she must truly feel at home, perhaps the only place in the world where a perfectly-coiffed blonde in dark sunglasses emerging from a limo with a dozen shopping bags is an everyday sight.

Kaiser Bill's dark secret of racial hate

German anti-Semitism raged long before Hitler, says **Daniel Johnson**

Which political leader wrote this? "Jews and mosquitoes are a nuisance that humanity must get rid of in some manner...I believe the best would be gas!" Not Adolf Hitler, nor one of his henchmen; nor any of the other notorious anti-Semites this century has produced. It was, rather, Queen Victoria's grandson: Kaiser Bill.

These words come from a letter by Kaiser Wilhelm II to Mackensen, one of his former generals, in December 1919, a year after his abdication. In his Dutch exile at Doorn, Wilhelm brooded on his own ignominious fate, blaming the Germans for being "egged on and misled by the tribe of Juda whom they hated, who were guests among them! That was their thanks! Let no German ever forget this, nor rest until these parasites have been destroyed and exterminated from German soil!"

Nor is this passage an isolated one. According to a new book by John Röhl, a professor of history at Sussex, "from the age of 20 to the age of 80... anti-Semitism formed a central element of [the Kaiser's] outlook on the world".

Röhl, who has spent decades picking over the archives, was startled by his own discovery. The scholarly consensus has hitherto been that the Kaiser, though a flawed personality, was firmly opposed to anti-Semitism. This view has been bolstered by the dubious argument that some of his best friends were Jews, notably the shipping magnate Albert Ballin and the later foreign minister Walther Rathenau. But the Kaiser did not regard Ballin as Jewish (he shared the sentiments of Goering: "I decide who is a Jew!"); when Rathenau was assassinated by reactionary thugs in 1922 his only reaction was that the murder "served him right".

Did Wilhelm II only became an anti-Semite out of bitterness at Germany's defeat and the fall of the house of Hohenzollern? At school in the 1870s his best friend was a Jewish youth called Siegfried Sommer (grandfather of the historian Sir Geoffrey Elton). But Wilhelm's anti-Semitism emerged soon after he became estranged from his English mother, Victoria, and ailing father, the Crown Prince Friedrich, both advocates of Jewish emancipation.

Even before his accession to the throne, Wilhelm's anti-Semitism evolved from the boorish prejudice he picked up among the Potsdam Guards into a political ideology.

In 1885 he wrote to his grandfather, Kaiser Wilhelm I, praising the court chaplain Adolf Stoecker, who founded Germany's first anti-Semitic party. Wilhelm denounced *Judenthum* in the press, the judiciary, even the Court. Röhl detects in it the influence of his early mentor, Count Waldersee. In 1887 Wilhelm caused a scandal by addressing anti-Semites at Waldersee's house, describing Stoecker as "a second Luther".

Wilhelm attributed his father's early death to an Anglo-Jewish plot: his mother had engaged an English specialist to treat Friedrich's throat cancer. He also blamed English doctors for the withered arm he was born with.

As Kaiser, Wilhelm's speeches were steeped in racial terminology. In 1901 he read *The Foundations of the Nineteenth Century* by Houston Stewart Chamberlain, the most important manifesto of political anti-Semitism to appear before *Mein Kampf*. Thereafter, this Germanophile Englishman and son-in-law of



Kaiser Wilhelm II: a prophetic letter

Wagner exercised a baneful influence on the Kaiser, who even came to accept his dotty theory of the "Aryan" Jesus Christ. "The Golden International" became Wilhelm's scapegoat for all the crises which latterly marred his reign. "One is gradually turning into a convinced anti-Semite," he wrote in 1909.

The First World War intensified his anti-Semitism, and in exile it took on Anglophobic tones. A year before he died, Wilhelm welcomed Hitler's victories in 1940: "We are becoming a *U.S. of Europe* under German leadership." Now the Continent was "consolidating and closing itself off from British influences after the elimination of the British and the Jews!"

Röhl's study reinforces the sinister continuities of German history. Had Germany won the Great War, or had he been restored thereafter, who knows what "solution" the Kaiser would have found to the "Jewish problem"?

● *The Kaiser and his Court by John Röhl (Cambridge University Press, £29.95)*

The perkiest of pessimists

Ben Macintyre finds Joseph Heller settling final accounts



STEPHEN MARKESON

Joseph Heller: "I see social anarchy. I think cynicism is reality. The only approach to our times is to be unidealistic: the time for idealism is past"

Bombardier Yossarian, who "decided to live forever or die in the attempt", has grown old instead.

The cynical wiseacre protagonist of Joseph Heller's *Catch-22*, who perhaps more than any other fictional character defined the lunacy of modern war, has returned in a sequel, *Closing Time*, in apocalyptic mood.

In *Catch-22* Heller lampooned the horrors of warfare and the absurdities of military bureacracy with this brilliantly memorable paradox: Yossarian can be excused from flying if he declares himself insane; but anyone who wants to stop flying dangerous bombing missions must, by definition, be utterly rational and therefore keep flying.

Catch-22 has sold, according to the flyleaf of *Closing Time*, some 10 million copies in the United States alone. But more than that, it has entered the language of people who have read neither it nor any other novel.

Closing Time is Heller's requiem for modernity, his *Götterdämmerung*, a work as morbid as his earlier masterpiece was mordant and peopled by characters from *Catch-22*: here is Yossarian, now aged 68 (he lost ten years somewhere), twice divorced, rich, lascivious, a disgruntled family man; here, too, is Milo Minderbinder, the entrepreneurial mess lieutenant, now a multi-billionaire arms dealer; and Albert T. Tappman, the Anabaptist chaplain, who has developed the ability to urinate the "heavy water" used in the building of nuclear bombs and is thus abducted to protect national security in case he detonates.

Some of the earlier Heller style is also here: the hallucinatory gallop of events, a myriad cast of characters, pullulating prose. But in *Catch-22*, Heller chose his targets carefully. In *Closing Time* the effect is more that of napalm, an angry old man settling accounts and preparing for The End.

Beneath a halo of frizzy white hair, grinning with merry outrage, the 71-year-old author recently sat by his swimming pool in East Hampton, Long Island, and ticked off what ticks him off: politicians, corporate America, the decline of community spirit, rising crime, the O.J. Simpson trial.

"I have a profound distaste for the White House and Congress and a scepticism about anything they say. It is a deeper scepticism and discontent and contempt. I see social anarchy. I think cynicism is reality. The only approach to our times is to be unidealistic; the time for idealism is past. I don't think people have heroes unless they are vandals, like Ross Perot."

The oddest aspect of this diatribe is that it is delivered with a broad smile and accompanied by rich chuckles, for Joseph Heller is the perkiest of pessimists.

Much of his curmudgeon's lament, one feels, is *kvetching*, the ritual complaining of a New Yorker denigrating the world around him while largely at peace with it.

Born to Russian immigrant parents in Coney Island, Brooklyn, in 1923, Heller bears the accents of his youth in both his voice and his writing. "Can I get you some kwaffee?" he inquires.

> 'The only heroes now are vandals like Ross Perot'

In many ways *Closing Time* is a nostalgic paean to that youth, expressed through the character of Sammy Singer, like Heller a Jewish native of Coney Island and Second World War veteran looking back over his life.

"This is the first time I've ever tried to do three-dimensional characters," he says. "In *Catch-22* I was doing what a cartoonist does, but I was doing it in fiction. Then I would introduce a character, give him one or two conspicuous characteristics. They were caricatures, these are real people."

The melancholy tone of much of *Closing Time* stands in contrast to the sharp satire of the earlier work. Sammy Singer's life is, the author notes, "almost commonplace", and his remembrance of things past is a moving account of a generation preparing to close up shop.

"When people our age speak of the war," Sammy observes at the start of the book, "it is not of Vietnam but of the one that broke out more than half a century ago and swept in almost all the world."

A strong whiff of mortality suffuses *Closing Time*, but not like that of *Catch-22*. In 1981 Heller was diagnosed with Guillain-Barré syndrome, a potentially lethal progressive paralysis that required intensive care and more than a year of painful rehabilitation. The toll from that disease is still evident in the weakness of his muscles and conversation delivered from the side of his mouth.

If *Catch-22* recreated the acrid terror of men at war, then *Closing Time* acknowledges another fear, that of an elderly man who looks in the mirror and sees his own postponed demise reflected.

In *Closing Time* this sense of decay finds ultimate expression in his Dante-esque vision of New York's Port Authority Bus Terminal, by general consent one of the nastiest places on the planet: "People squabbled. There were shouts, quarrels, stabbings, burns, sex, drugs, drinking and breaking glass." This filth and squalor is put into hilarious relief when Milo Minderbinder holds his son's wedding in the terminal.

As the novel hurtles towards Armageddon, shades of Heller's most famous paradox re-emerge in his description of the US Freedom of Information Act which obliged "government agencies to release all information they had to anyone who made an application for it, except information they had that they did not want to release".

But as the critics have made apparent, Heller is partially the victim of a *Catch-22*: long criticised for writing only one great book, he is now being damned by many for sullying that achievement by writing an unequal sequel.

Musing in his garden in the autumn sun, Heller proclaims his own valediction. "It's a larger novel than I thought it would be when I started. I don't know what my next novel will be because I think I've covered everything, including the end of the world."

AN EVENING WITH JOSEPH HELLER

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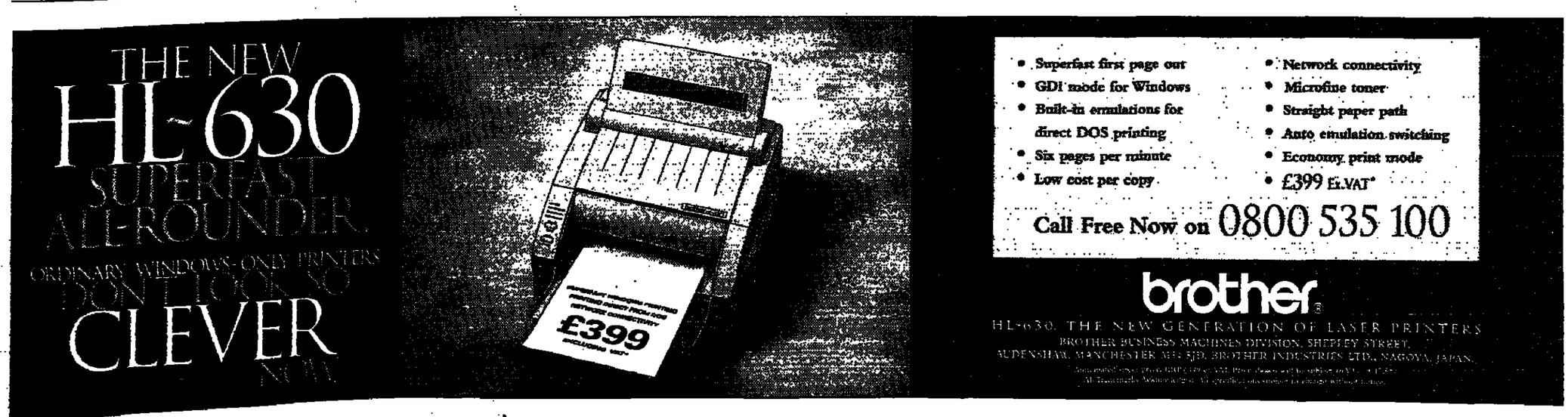
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Philip Howard



■ The political fabric is in danger of tearing when MPs weave such slang

Sleaze enriches the language as well as the bank accounts of our underpaid and overworked masters. The word has zig-zagged an even stranger meander through the lexicon than some parliamentary questions take to reach the order paper. Sleazy might be a dialectal portmanteau-word, blending *slimy* and *greasy* (cf. *to grease somebody's palm* and the Yiddish *schmeer*, grease); and it has been influenced by its assonance and echo with such words. But sleaze's progress in the secret pay of the language lobbyists is more surreptitious.

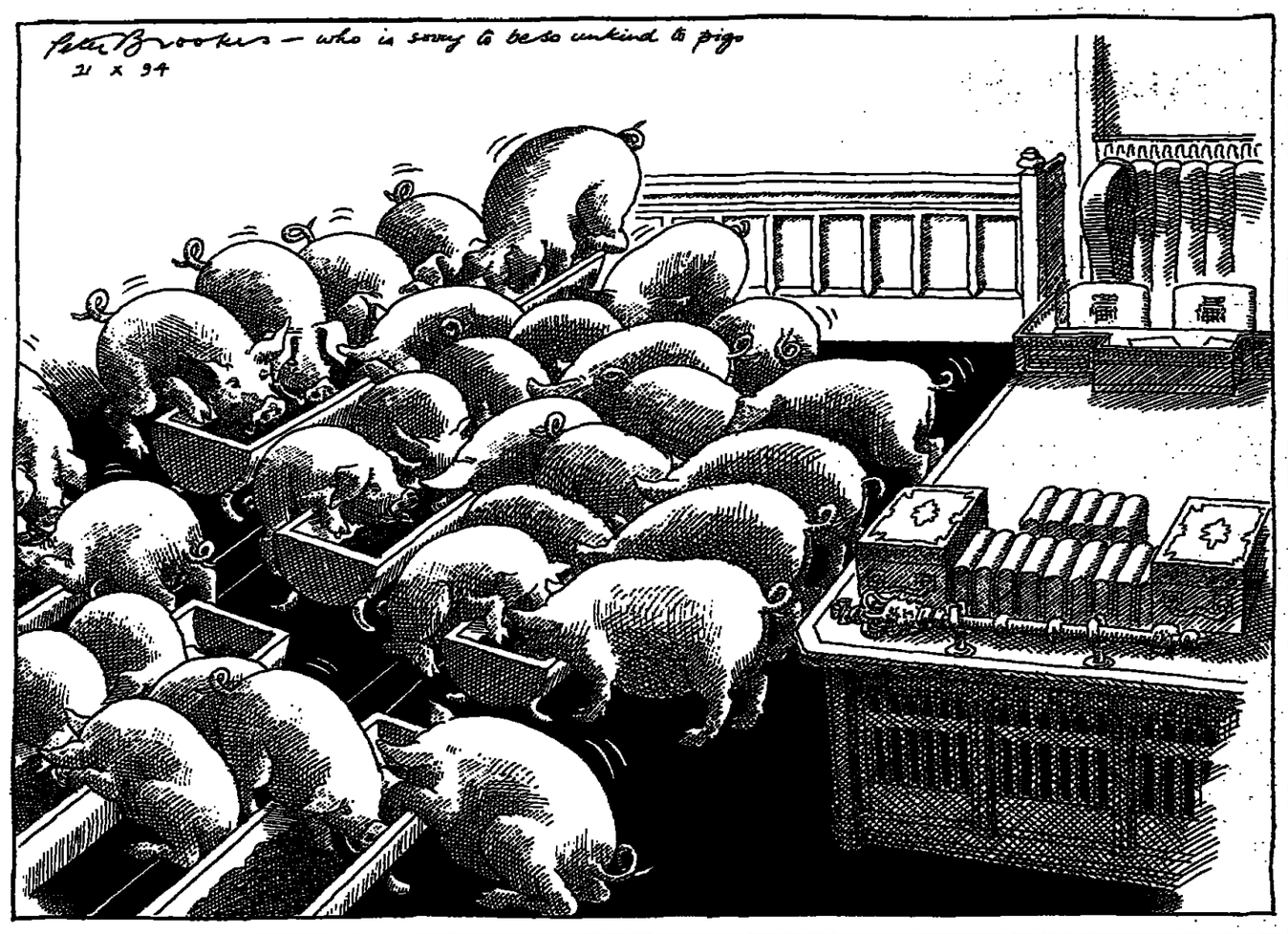
Sleaze began its scandalous career as the English name for Silesia cloth, a superior linen fabric that was made in what became the southernmost province of Prussia (now part of Poland) as early as the 17th century. Silesia cloth was corrupted to *sleazy cloth* by the casual English, who even then could not be bothered to enunciate clearly, especially when having a shot at a foreign word. The quality of sleazy cloth deteriorated as weavers in other countries tried to imitate it and trade on its name, like Hong Kong weavers imitating Lacoste.

The growing Manchester cotton industry used slang to disparage Prussian imports, so sleazy degenerated to a word for a thin cotton fabric used in linings — a cheapo, flimsy, foreign material, easily ripped. Back-formation then gave us the dialect verb *to sleaze*, "to part asunder, said of badly woven cloth".

From there on, its semantics went down the mucky ski-slope all the way. Sleaze and sleazy were transferred as descriptions not just of cheap foreign cloth, but of anything cheap or worthless. Thence, with the revealing need of the English language to keep women in their place (on their backs, with their legs in the air), sleazy came to be used to describe a slovenly, dirty or slatternly female. Then it was a mincing step to a promiscuous woman, for whom there are more synonyms in the English language than for any other type or activity. In the Sixties, with the growth of the pornography industry, garish sexual squalor replaced cheap fabric as the principal meaning of sleaze. The word was popularised in California, for example in apoplectic why-oh-why scribblings about Norman Mailer or the Manson massacre, and came to England to describe the transformation of Soho from continental village to Pornsville-on-Thames.

The latest jump of sleaze, to describe parliamentary business without scruples, is too recent to have been recorded. The current political buzzword describes the policy that anything goes, provided it is not illegal or specifically forbidden by Erskine May. Sleazos fail to recognise that such concepts as immorality or impropriety exist. But the extension of sleaze's territory from sexual to financial squalor is a common process by which a specific rude word becomes general. It joins a tribe of euphemisms for the sweetener business, in which the usual practice of giving is reversed, by the giver saying "Thanks" and the receiver replying "Don't mention it". The geographical spread of sleaze words has followed the flag, from *baksheesh* (a Persian word) for the East to *dash* in Nigeria and elsewhere (from the Portuguese *das?*, "will you give?") — and to the recent mysterious *bung*, expected by all football managers worth their backhanders.

Slang is the poetry of the sleazy classes. In the City a *Jeffrey* is now used to mean a sum of £2,000 — the amount that Lord Archer was reported to have arranged to have handed over to a prostitute by a go-between, under the clock at a London terminus, for not having fornicated with him. The present storm of sleaze promises to enlarge our dictionaries of parliamentary slang: "Hear! hear!" = I work for Ian Greer. "Riddick/Tredinnick" = £1,000 (or there's two "monkeys" in it). "Adjournment debate day" = Worth at least a K. "Question Time" = Brother can you spare a dime? "Order! Order!" = So long as it's a banker's order. "The Boy Mark" = The dogs may bark, but Mummy has moved on. "Backbench MP" = Will anyone pay me a fee? "Parliamentary labours" = Fun with friendly persuaders. "Political lobbies" = Pin-striped Mr Blobbies. "Shirley Porter" = washed her wards in soda water. "Register of members' interests" = Vague statement, then forget the rest.



Snouts in the trough

Crooks seem to rule the world. It is time for voters to frustrate their knavish tricks

Bernard Levin

Let us begin with the astonishing, the amazing, the astounding, the almost unbelievable, nay the practically incredible finding of the recent Gallup Poll, which asked whether the respondents thought the Tories "sleazy and disreputable", *and only 61 per cent said yes.*

And while we are on the subject of gullibility, I have just taken a Levin Poll, the respondents being asked whether they believed the Downing Street statement that the malfeasances had already been under examination for weeks. The figures were: 93.49 per cent that the claim was a preposterous pack of lies, and 6.51 per cent that the pack of lies was not preposterous but ridiculous.

It is rare, perhaps unique, that Mr Dennis Skinner can make his point in six words, but he has done it this time: "This Government", he said, "is riddled with corruption." And he is right. But his rightness is not a fluke; it has a reason with it, and the reason is obvious, or should be. Everybody says that "the Tories have been too long in office", but we must be much more specific. After all, the corruption we are discussing did not take place recently; it was during the Rowland-Fayeds battle for Harrods, and yesterday's revelations reveal things that happened some time ago.

Forget time: think just of people, and you will understand. Fifteen years in government, and everybody says that that is where the corruption comes from. It doesn't; it comes from the Things which crawled into Parliament during the 15 years. And some of those Things were so dreadful, so crooked, so flagrant in their depredations that anyone with any sensitivity visiting the House of Commons would be well advised to bind a scarf, soaked in eau-de-cologne, over his nose. And I can say that the more confidently because I had seen it happen before; there *are* compensations in growing old.

After the immediate post-war Labour governments, there was a clear turn-round; the Tories were back, and were going to stay, and so they did, until the Wilson governments came over the horizon. But those years, when the Tory newcomers flooded the House, made Parliament such a pigsty that it must have been touch-and-go as to whether the place would ever get clean again. If it is any consolation the disputed sums mentioned in relation to the Fayeds were pocket-money to what changed hands in those earlier days.

But the principle was the same: "We are in Parliament to get what we can out of it", and one very obvious proof of that is the wonderfully fraudulent system by which the MPs pretend that their outside businesses are monitored by an on-your-honour system behind which any amount of robbery without violence can be — and is — transacted.

Mind you, we are by no means the only ones. Indeed as far as I can see, the entire democratic world is putting its hands into governmental pockets. You cannot pick up a French newspaper these days without learning that another leading Cabinet minister has had his shoulder tapped; so far, I can count three, and by the time you finish reading this there will be plenty more. And the lack of scruple, which goes right through our own cash-down-and-run system, is rife not only in Britain. I find almost touching the statement that has just been issued on behalf of a group of French companies:

> France's main public works companies — with the exception of the largest, Bouygues — have forsworn using illegal payment to win contracts or orders, in an attempt to restore public confidence in their sector. At the initiative of their trade association, the companies . . . have signed a pledge that they will obey the law . . . Bouygues, which happens to have figured less in corruption allegations, yesterday questioned the need for such a pledge, with its implication of possible past wrongdoing.

And what about Spain?

> . . . in Madrid, Mr Mario Conde, removed as chairman of Banesto, the big domestic retail bank, by the Bank of Spain at the end of last year, was questioned yesterday by the chief investigative judge dealing with fiscal offences over alleged bribes paid by the bank in order to obtain tax breaks.

And for that matter, what about Japan? Not long ago, I was rebuked for saying that all Japanese Cabinet ministers were crooked, and that all Japanese prime ministers were even more crooked. A bit rough, you may say, even for that Levin fellow? I pick up a reputable newspaper, and the very first paragraph reads: "Forty-six members of Japan's Parliament took illegal donations from the construction industry during elections in July 1993."

And when we turn to Italy, we find ourselves doubled up with laughter. Italy, among the nations, has always believed that it is an outrage for officials to go about demanding things called "taxes" — and to show their displeasure at such robbery they have very properly ignored the demands. Then what happens? In the new dispensation, under which demands for taxes have lifted their heads again, some idiot has had the idea to go and demand taxes from the Prime Minister, no less, and when I last saw the story, a magistrate was attempting to arrest the PM, and the PM was attempting to arrest the magistrate. (Let me go back to the wonderful time when I was trying, in my helpful way, to give some suggestions for saving Venice, which was then, as now, in crumbling trouble. I came up with a splendid idea: there should be not a public lottery, but a public bribe. I urged the nation, and of course the legislators, to build up a huge, a tremendous, a gigantic bribe from all the crooked members of the Italian Parliament who had been looting the public purse for decades. When the then Italian Ambassador read my helpful suggestion, he was so incensed that he actually went to the Foreign Office and made a formal protest.)

Small beer, gentlemen, small beer. How delightful was Mr Al-Fayed in comparing our rent-a-member system to a taxi. But didn't I write, only a week or two ago, that we were not by any means finished with the Tiny Rowland story? And here is Mr Hamilton, MP, backing shyly into the limelight with a letter that for sycophancy must be close to the world record:

> Everyone knows the Al-Fayeds to be among the world's most significant businessmen. I have no doubt that were it not for the paranoid and personal vendetta pursued by Tiny Rowland, you would not now be enduring the indignity of this enquiry.

"For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can take nothing out." Thus spake Paul to Timothy, rather sensibly. Or if you want a concise version: "There are no pockets in a shroud." And yet, men and women (but mainly men) defy that immovable truth, and think they can slip by Cerberus.

We all — except a few saintly figures — like money, or at least what we can get for the stuff. I am no exception. But the question — and it is a giant one — is what would we do to get it? Some do murder for it. Some steal. Some cheat. But assuredly none of those categories fits a member of Parliament. What then, is the price to which an MP might stoop (mind, without breaking any law); and lay his head upon his pillow without nightmares following?

That question is not for me, or perhaps I should say it is for everyone. Yet the itch has to scratch; did they truly do it for planting House of Commons questions at a couple of thousand quid a go? Truly, somebody did that? And did it not because of starvation for his wife and children? And ruined himself when it was found out?

Let us examine that last item. There are different types of ruin, but planting Commons questions must rank with making small pieces of glass for seeing eclipses through. Most of us would spend a couple of lifetimes trying to guess what the gentleman over there was getting at. Yet somebody thought to get lucre from it, and for a time actually did. The ingenuity of the human race is obviously infinite.

I go back to my belief. This Tory party is exhausted, stained, weary, enfeebled and stinking with liars and rogues. Once before, as I say, I looked on such a sight, and I did not like what I saw. I say again that in the events discussed in the past couple of days, no law has been broken, but there are silent laws that speak with great power and wisdom, and it is a very bad mistake to ignore them.

Meanwhile, there is another sleaze-based story unfolding a few steps down the street. What Lady Porter did or did not do, we shall presumably find out, and I can tell you that I shall take very little interest. But just in case, I shall carry another cologne-soaked handkerchief as I go by.

Brussels forgets the East

Eastern Europe cannot wait forever, says **Silviu Brucan**

Recent pronouncements in Bonn and Paris about a "hard core" in the European Union and a "two-speed" integration process have caused consternation and despair in Eastern Europe. A typical comment in Warsaw or Bucharest might be: "If they intend to leave behind Britain and Italy, what do they have in store for us Eastern Europeans?"

There was a glimmer of hope in Eastern Europe in December 1992, when the Edinburgh summit of the European Union decided upon a strategy for widening rather than deepening the Community. The leaders voted to set in train the process of admitting Austria, Finland, Sweden and Norway as members, and accepted as associates Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Romania and Bulgaria. After all, Europe's best chance to beat its competitors on world markets lies with the ability of the European Union to set up the largest integrated common market with the biggest world productive capacity. It will not much help the attainment of that goal if divisive tactics split the EU into three or four groups of states running at different speeds. What is more, the Western European nations are wrestling now with the effects of a deep recession, which has never been propitious for deeper integration measures. During recessions, governments turn inwards, striving to stimulate national production, strengthen their currency, control inflation and boost their exports.

In the meantime, the nations of Eastern Europe are struggling with the pains of transition to a market economy after a century-long lag in their development. In Western Europe, the bourgeois revolutions, with their capitalist expansion, created the historical conditions that allowed Western states to benefit fully from the Industrial Revolution and acquire vast colonial empires, thus becoming developed and rich. In Eastern Europe, peoples and nationalities, most of them still struggling to this day for nationhood, remained predominantly agrarian, with strong feudal structures lasting well into the present century. Future historians may well view the 1917 October Revolution in backward peasant Russia as a reaction against the dominant industrial West, rather than a socialist revolution. Stalinism was a strategy to beat underdevelopment through force and repression.

The balance-sheet of so many decades of communism is tragic. Eastern Europe is 10-15 years behind Western Europe technologically and four or six times poorer. John Major rightly gave warning in 1993: "If we don't welcome the democracies of Central and Eastern Europe into our Community, we risk creating a divided Europe — between the haves and have-nots."

Unfortunately, this is just what is happening. During the Cold War, when strategic considerations of containing Soviet expansionism prevailed over economic ones, the European Community granted substantial economic aid to its less developed members, such as Spain, Portugal and Greece. Between 1986 and 1992, the EC granted tiny Portugal $12 billion to modernise its economy, with EC investments jumping in the same period from 9 to 25 per cent of total foreign investments.

Now, stability in the East is the principal consideration. In the four years since 1990, lending to Eastern Europe, including Russia, by the international development banks has totalled some $5 billion, to which some $5.4 billion of official grants from OECD and Western governments can be added. That makes $10.4 billion in four years, which is less than Eastern nations pay annually on their foreign debt. The Paris Club of lending banks has had to cut the foreign debt of Poland and Bulgaria to save them from bankruptcy.

A similar *rapport de forces* exists in trade exchanges between the two parts of Europe. In the past four years, the surplus of Western Europe in its trade with Eastern Europe has been growing at an embarrassing rate. It was $5 billion in 1993. So the main cash flow in Europe is from the poor East to the rich West.

So radical change in EU policy is required if the seven associate members from Eastern Europe are to be brought closer to Western economic and social standards, and if their partnership with Nato is to be consolidated.

So it is small wonder that Eastern Europeans, though committed to European integration, are beginning to look for alternative ways to promote their economic upturn. On September 20 and 21, Bucharest hosted a conference of private industrialists from former Comecon countries, whose objective was to improve trade in industries that were adversely affected by the hasty decision in 1990 to dismantle Comecon, which left a number of factories without a market. In their speeches, industrialists from Russia, Ukraine and Eastern Europe mentioned the need for economic integration and the hope of eventually forming an economic zone or common market.

The conference's final communiqué invited all industrialists in this part of Europe to strive for such goals, proposing such economic arrangements as complementary to the European Union. Nevertheless, the Bucharest conference is the first signal to the EU that Eastern Europeans should not be taken for granted.

The author was a leading figure behind the 1989 Romanian revolution.

Harrowing

NOWHERE will the resignation of Northern Ireland Minister Tim Smith have been regarded more sorrowfully than at Harrow School, which the member for Beaconsfield attended in the 1950s. Harrow is reeling from the antics of former pupils, and is considering appointing a PR adviser.

Neither the Headmaster nor the bursar was available for comment yesterday, but General Sir John Akehurst, chairman of the board of governors, confirmed that the matter has been discussed at the highest level. "It would be part-time professional advice," he said. "In any great institution, one never quite knows what is round the corner, and it might be useful to have a professional to give advice if necessary."

Akehurst stressed that he did not envisage any immediate need for such advice — Major James Hewitt was not a pupil, for example. But few other educational establishments can muster quite such a rogues' gallery of old boys. Mark Thatcher, the Marquess of Blandford and the Marquess of Bristol would all be in line for detention for their behaviour.

Old Harrovian Francis Wheen believes the school need not look far for advice. "Tim Smith is at a loose end now he has resigned. Perhaps he should take it on. He is obviously good at promoting things to make money."

Half-seas over

MARITIME mayhem can be expected tonight in London's Regent Street, where ear-muffs will come in useful. A naval gathering including the First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Benjamin Bathurst, will break into raucous song to toast the Queen at the 75th anniversary gathering for the Anchorites, a watery dining club, at the Café Royal.

The 16th-century toast, sung unaccompanied by the 300-strong assembly — including representatives from Norway, The Netherlands and Poland — encourages imbibing. "He that will not drink Her [Majesty's] health", it runs, "I wish him neither wit nor wealth, Nor yet a rope to hang himself."

But one member will be unable to raise his glass: the Duke of Edinburgh, a past president of the Anchorites, has sent his regrets.



THE TIMES DIARY

● *As No 10 announced that Whitehall's Sir Humphrey, Cabinet Secretary Sir Robin Butler, would question two Tory MPs about money they allegedly received from Ian Greer, the lobbyist was lying low. He dispatched a functionary to take his brown poodle, Humphrey, for its daily constitutional.*

Whipped up

MARCO PIERRE WHITE, the terror of the kitchen, assured me on Wednesday that he had simmered down, but this was not immediately apparent at the launch of his book *Wild Food from Land and Sea.*

When White's editor, Julian Shuckburgh, stood up to pay him tribute, the chef disappeared to pose noisily for photographers. "I was going to tell some funny tales about Marco's childhood, but as he's not here I won't bother," said Shuckburgh, raising his glass. "To the *enfant terrible.*"

Hat trick

FINLAND'S jovial Ambassador was an arresting sight at a dinner on Wednesday night in the St James's Court Hotel in London, where diplomats had congregated in hordes. Leif Blomqvist wore the menu on his head throughout the meal.

Diplomacy was the watchword among fellow diners, including Lord Montgomery of Alamein and the guest speaker, Lord "Ivor" Richard, who raised not an eyebrow at this apparent eccentricity.



Women in Labour's driving seat, but no names please

Blomqvist tucked merrily into the avocado mousse and chicken, then sat through the speeches and questions and removed his headwear for the royal toast. "There was a cold draught," he explained. "I haven't much on top so I was protecting what's left."

● *Tony Blair's promotion of women is manifest not only in the women taking their places in the shadow Cabinet today. Blair's red Rover is being chauffeured for the moment by a female driver (above), though for security reasons she cannot be named.*

Keynotes

LORD TAYLOR, the Lord Chief Justice, was in delightfully playful mood at the Associated Companies Dinner at Mercer's Hall in the City last night.

Lord Whitelaw, Sir Patrick Mayhew and the other guests settled back to enjoy a few post-prandial words from the author of the report on the Hillsborough disaster, but when the beadle called for silence, his lordship uttered not a sentence. Instead, he strode to the grand piano and played a Beethoven rondo and a Scarlatti sonata.

● *The farce of the Eurostar Channel Tunnel train which broke down at its launch yesterday comes as no surprise to MPs who visited the Eurostar stand at the party conferences. "I've got one of their Biros," sighs one. "And that doesn't work either."*

P·H·S

PRESENT FRENZY

Public standards require more than rhetorical attention

The respective decisions of Tim Smith to resign from ministerial office and Neil Hamilton not to do so yesterday failed to resolve the latest political embarrassment to afflict the Government. In the Commons, the Prime Minister spoke of a "present frenzy" and struggled to fend off the charge that his administration is tainted by rumour, sleaze and immorality. For all that he was encouragingly calm under fire from Tony Blair, John Major's remarks suggested an uneasy recognition of the problem, unmatched by the political will needed to address it.

Mr Smith and Mr Hamilton are alleged to have received payments passed to a lobbyist by Mohamed Al-Fayed, the owner of Harrods, in return for asking parliamentary questions about Mr Al-Fayed's disagreement with Lonhro. Mr Smith quickly conceded that he had failed to make a declaration in the Register of Members' Interests at the appropriate time. Mr Hamilton, in contrast, denies having received any fees and intends to sue. It is unclear whether he also denies having received generous hospitality from Mr Al-Fayed at Harrods and the Ritz in Paris.

Far more clear is the Government's inability to deal with this sort of predicament decisively. There are two principal reasons for this failure of nerve. The first is Mr Major's characteristic refusal to submit to outside pressure, however justified, until the very last minute. In the past, he has supported colleagues at the centre of scandal far longer than was wise. He has placed personal loyalty ahead of the interests of the Government. If Mr Hamilton is to contest these allegations successfully, it were better that he try to do so from a position, however temporary, on the back benches.

Secondly, there is general confusion — by no means confined to Conservative politicians — about the precise boundaries of proper behaviour in public life. There is growing concern about a wide range of issues: appointments to quangos, the perks open to MPs, the problems revealed by the arms-to-Iraq affair. There is less certainty about how to deal with them. In this respect, Mr Al-Fayed's allegations have triggered anxieties which already existed. Mr Blair has made political integrity a key electoral issue; polls suggest that voters are increasingly concerned about morality in public life. For political and constitutional reasons, Mr Major cannot afford to ignore these questions.

What he does not yet seem to grasp is that politics has its own uniquely demanding rulebook. It is true that a politician is innocent until proved guilty. But to say so is not always sufficient response to allegations which undermine public confidence in the Government. There comes a point when guilt is less important than dignity; when a politician becomes such an embarrassment to the Government that political loyalty and even patriotism require him to resign — or be sacked. The Tory MP Alan Duncan set a good precedent in January by quickly leaving the Government after complaints about his involvement in a council house sale. By doing so, he saved his colleagues further embarrassment and minimised the damage to his own career. Mr Hamilton may yet regret that he did not follow this example.

The Prime Minister could make a virtue of necessity by tackling such questions systematically. He has made a start by launching a review of quangos, but could go much further, as Mr Blair urged him to do yesterday. The rules governing payment to MPs, in particular, are outdated and should be amended to suit the modern parliamentary culture of lobbyists and consultancy fees. The Commons Committee of Privileges, which investigates breaches of Westminster rules, is not the right body to draw up a new code. An independent inquiry is needed to mark fresh boundaries for today's parliamentarians. Last week Mr Major asked to be judged by his results. He must now show that his commitment to propriety in public life is more than rhetorical.

SHADOW PLAY

There must be better ways of picking Labour's front bench

Any sports fan knows that the selection of a team is one of the most potent ingredients for victory. Ray Illingworth, chairman of the selectors for English cricket, would be aghast if his squad were to be "democratically" elected by all county players. Yet this method of "fantasy" cabinet-making is precisely how Tony Blair's team has been picked. And under Labour's rules, the captain has to put up with the people around him, however poor their performance, until he has executed his first reshuffle in government.

The new Labour leader could have shown his disdain for this extraordinary process of selection by taking an able outsider or two and offering them plum shadow Cabinet portfolios. Instead, faced with a team made up of six or seven hard hitters, perhaps five middle-rankers and another six duds, he has done his best to exile the least able to the outfield and to save the strongest performers for the toughest jobs. Hence Gordon Brown remains at the Treasury, Robin Cook replaces the hapless Jack Cunningham at foreign affairs and Jack Straw takes on Mr Blair's portfolio of home affairs. Donald Dewar stays at social security to see through the findings of the Social Justice Commission and Harriet Harman wins employment as a reward for good work on tax.

Mr Cook's appointment should signal the first stirrings of a slightly more realistic approach to European affairs in the run-up to the inter-governmental conference (IGC) of 1996. Mr Blair is a committed pro-European and has not yet managed to rebut the Conservatives' charge that Labour would unquestioningly accept any initiative from Brussels, Paris or Bonn. This accusation will prove more damaging as the IGC, and the general election, approach. Mr Cook, whose instincts are more sceptical than his leader's, will have to produce a reasoned analysis of Britain's interests in Europe, not merely a criticism of the Government's "isolationism", if he is to make Labour's position electorally saleable.

Mr Straw promises to be a powerful advocate of Mr Blair's arguments on home affairs. Unlike many of his colleagues, he speaks the same language as his leader and is aware of how much Labour's natural supporters mind about law and order. He ranged over the home affairs brief with confidence in his conference speech in Blackpool. His views on proportional representation, however, are conservative: a signal that Mr Blair is unlikely to give the Liberal Democrats what they want.

Mr Blair will soon have to design more modern policies for the public services, especially education and health. The appointments of David Blunkett and Margaret Beckett to these two jobs are somewhat risky. Mr Blunkett has at times proved willing to countenance new thinking, but he will need direction from the leader. Mrs Beckett will have to go against her instincts at health if she is not to fall into the trap of automatically siding with the unions. But she will be good at exposing Tory vulnerability in this electorally important field.

The biggest lesson from this week, though, is that Mr Blair's choice has been too constrained. Labour's shadow ministers, after all, will soon have to make the transition from simple Opposition point-scoring to looking like a government in waiting. Labour MPs do no favours to their leader — or to the cause of their party — by conducting this annual beauty contest which owes more to regional loyalty, ideology and affability than to genuine merit. If the system cannot be abolished altogether, as it should, then MPs could at least agree to reduce the number of elected members to 12 again. Then Mr Blair would have more chance of picking a winning team.

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The tunnel's train was late, but at least no one died

"This is all very embarrassing for us," bleated the hapless spokesman for Eurostar yesterday at Waterloo, as the high-speed train to Paris failed to register — for at least an hour — any speed at all. "This is just the way of the world," he went on to add, as sheepish sauce to his humble pie. Actually, it was just the way of trains. What is a train if not something that times its delays to perfection?

Eurostar should take comfort, however, from one salient fact: the stranded and disgruntled throng, which for an hour scratched the platform with restless feet, was not composed of fare-paying passengers. If something were to go wrong, much better that those made to suffer be not real people but journalists. For the travel-less ticketers were — to a man-and-woman — seasoned, wizened, hard-nosed, mackintosh-wearing, claret-lunching hacks on a jaunt. There may not be such things as free lunches; there are such things as free train rides.

Although the train departed late, at least no one was killed — owing, perhaps, to the absence from the occasion of members of Parliament. There was to be no repeat of the intriguing incident which occurred in 1830, at the time of the inauguration of the first railway line built primarily to carry passengers. The line ran from Liverpool to Manchester, between which cities lay the same spiritual and cultural chasm as runs today between London and Paris. George Stephenson's *Rocket* — the locomotive great-great-grandfather of Eurostar's recalcitrant beast — had barely started on its long haul from Liverpool junction when it ran over an MP.

William Huskisson, an MP for the city, had made the strategic error of electing to cross the tracks in the face of the oncoming train. A century and a half later, his naivety strikes one with the same force as the *Rocket* will have struck him. Death by rail travel had, in fact, been predicted some years before Huskisson's luckless end, although the Cassandra in question had a quite different cause in mind. Dr Dionysys Lardner, Professor of Natural Philosophy and Astronomy — no less — at University College London, had written that "rail travel at high speed is not possible, because passengers, unable to breathe, would die of asphyxia". Eurostar might consider naming an engine after him.

By its *gauche* beginning, underwater train travel to France with Eurostar may even have won for itself some British admirers. For if there is anything that is better loved in this country than a job well done, it is endearing incompetence.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Growth rates and Thatcher legacy

From the Chancellor of the Exchequer

Sir, I am sure that your readers were entertained by Janet Bush's passably adequate account of post neo-classical endogenous growth theory ("Brown's theory of economic growth is just common sense", October 19). But what she failed to mention was that most of the advocates of this theory would not support anything like the degree of state intervention which Gordon Brown proposes and which Ms Bush appears to support.

The conclusions of the World Bank's recent study of the "East Asian miracle", highlighting the vital role played by sensible macroeconomic policies, competition and an open-market approach, also seem to have passed her by.

As to her suggestion that Conservatives are indifferent to economic growth rates, may I remind her that "the record of the past 15 years is heavily influenced by the legacy inherited by Mrs Thatcher from Labour. Looking at economic performance over ten-year periods, it is clear that Britain has done a great deal better in most of the Tory period than in the years up to the early 1980s, most of which were dominated by the only Labour government most voters can remember".

Not my words, but Anatole Kaletsky's (Economic View, September 20). I am glad to see that debate is alive and well between your economic writers.

Yours sincerely,
KENNETH CLARKE,
Treasury Chambers,
Parliament Street, SW1.
October 20.

Church and royals

From the Bishop of St Albans

Sir, The headline above your main report today on the Prince and Princess of Wales, "Church remarriage possible, says bishop", completely reverses what I said. In view of the importance and complexity of this issue, let me briefly state the true position:

1. The Church is not here to encourage divorce but to support marriages and help to obviate divorce.
2. Constitutionally, divorce however regrettable is not a bar to the succession to the throne and in consequence to being Supreme Governor of the Church of England.
3. If the Church were to be presented with a monarch who had divorced and remarried, the analogy of canon law (in which, in exceptional circumstances, a divorced and remarried person may be ordained) could possibly be invoked to enable him (or her) to be acceptable to the Church.
4. But if a divorced monarch chose to remarry, the Church of England could not solemnise the marriage.

Yours faithfully,
†JOHN ST ALBANS,
Abbey Gate House,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.
October 19.

Booker dispute

From Mr Thorsten Krings

Sir, Comparing James Kelman, this year's winner of the Booker Prize, to Dickens, as far as social realism is concerned (letter from Mr W. J. B. Meakin, October 20), is wrong.

Dickens's realism was intended to please the reader — i.e., the criticism was underneath a thick sugar coating. If Mr Meakin wants to compare Kelman to any 19th century author it should be George Moore, whose grim description of life in *A Mummer's Wife* also got him into trouble with the unofficial censorship.

In Kelman the continuous repetition of the f-word is of course intended to have a comic effect.

Art is not about being nice. It is about opening our eyes to all aspects of life. We cannot close our eyes to the ugly things and we cannot say: If you want to paint a grim picture of life, please do it in nice colours.

Yours faithfully,
THORSTEN KRINGS,
The University of Wales,
Department of European Languages,
Hugh Owen Building,
Aberystwyth, Dyfed.
October 20.

Picasso mural

From Mr Dudley Quirk

Sir, The two "mythic figures" referred to by Professor J. E. Harris and by Mr A. P. Rice as depicted in the mural drawn by Picasso for Professor J. D. Bernal (letters, October 10 and 17) were neither parodies, nor fun doodles, nor Aldous Huxley.

When Picasso was in London he always stayed with the Bernals and this drawing on plaster was an acknowledgement of their hospitality. The "Angels" he called them: hence they share a pair of wings and have floral garlands.

Apart from the date (November 12, 1950) and signature, the pencil left the plaster only 40 times in this portrait of two lifesize heads. "Sage" Bernal was given horns.

Yours etc,
DUDLEY QUIRK,
Vexour Farm, Chiddingstone,
Edenbridge, Kent.
October 18.

Uncertainty over measles vaccine

From Dr A. M. Hall-Smith

Sir, As a GP old enough to remember the severity of measles, I was pretty depressed by the letter (October 12) from Richard Barr. The object of the Department of Health's campaign is to inoculate the greatest percentage of potential victims against measles before the predicted outbreak, and the hope is that many lives will thereby be saved. For this policy to succeed, every extra child inoculated counts.

To have medically aware lawyers attempting to persuade others to follow them in ignoring the consequences of measles, threatening all who try to prevent it with possible litigation, and adding their own children to the pool of the uninoculated, is a sad thing to see.

Doctors and vaccines are not perfect, I grant, and to withhold one's children from inoculation while still relying on the masses to take part to prevent the epidemic is a private decision, if ethically dubious; but to write suggesting others impede the campaign with caveats is an action which merits some challenge.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HALL-SMITH,
The Limes, Elm,
Wisbech, Cambridgeshire.
October 12.

From Dr Matthew Dryden

Sir, There is a tremendous and inappropriate fuss over the measles/rubella vaccination programme. People want categorical answers, but they fail to realise that in medicine, as in life itself, there are no absolute certainties.

Measles is not a simple childhood illness. It has an appreciable morbidity and mortality. A jab could prevent severe illness, a spell on intensive care, a lifetime of permanent disability, or death. The logic for the campaign is clear.

Sound epidemiological evidence points to a large measles epidemic occurring, with as many as 200,000 cases, many severely ill cases and around 50 deaths in school-age children, if the campaign does not take place. Similar epidemics have occurred recently in other developed countries. The Department of Health is to be congratulated in acting so promptly in the light of this evidence. Imagine the row if it had done nothing.

The vaccine is safe. Minor complications are uncommon, severe complications exceedingly rare. Children who have previously received the measles or MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine will have an added boost to their immunity. The rubella component of the vaccine will ensure that a rubella infection in pregnancy, with consequent foetal damage, will be virtually abolished.

The success of the campaign relies on a high uptake. If children like Mr Barr's 11-year-old son fail to take the opportunity of vaccination for no apparent reason, they increase the risk to themselves and others by maintaining a reservoir for measles infection. Fortunately the vaccination consent forms that are being returned to us suggest that the majority of parents are understanding the importance of the campaign.

The message is simple. Forget the soul-searching; have your children vaccinated. I will.

Yours faithfully,
MATTHEW DRYDEN,
Royal Hampshire County Hospital,
Department of Microbiology,
Romsey Road,
Winchester, Hampshire.
October 13.

From Mrs Lily Holland

Sir, As a member of a hard-working and conscientious school health team in Glasgow, I know that the immunisation campaign will mean a lot of extra work and commitment from a great number of people. We undertake it willingly, as the benefits to the schoolchildren of today and those as yet unborn are obvious.

I have absolutely no doubt that if the Government had done nothing, and if the expected measles epidemic, with all its complications, occurred next spring, you would have been inundated with letters of complaint.

I can assure Dr Ross (letter, October 12) that after I and all the other school nurses he mentions "have retired to bed", having spent six weeks constantly immunising, we will feel very satisfied at a good job well done.

Yours faithfully,
LILY HOLLAND,
4 Kilbreck Gardens,
Bearsden, Glasgow.
October 13.

Exposure to X-rays

From Dr John Gayner

Sir, Dr Kieran Sweeney (Body and Mind, October 18) rightly warns of the dangers of multiple exposure to X-rays, particularly complicated X-rays of the back, pelvis and barium studies. He also points out that NHS trust hospitals are charging for copies of X-rays or actually declining to release them. This situation, in view of the competitive nature of trust hospitals within the NHS, needs to be rectified.

In the private sector, X-rays, as with other investigations, are deemed to be the property of the patient and are therefore readily transferable between one practitioner and another at the request of the patient. Within the health service, investigations have historically been seen to be the property of the NHS. This policy can lead to undertaking duplicate X-rays, which can be both harmful to the patient and costly to the taxpayer.

Legislation is now urgently required to bring the NHS into line with private practice on this matter.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. GAYNER
(Private medical practitioner),
79 Cadogan Place, SW1.
October 18.

From Dr Oscar Craig

Sir, I write to reassure patients about the reported dangers of exposure to diagnostic X-rays.

A valid clinical indication for every X-ray examination is essential. To this end, the Royal College of Radiologists has issued guidelines for all doctors on the best use of X-ray technique and this helps to reduce unnecessary radiation and any possible theoretical hazard.

Next year radiologists will celebrate the centenary of the discovery of X-rays by Röntgen. Work in the college has begun to establish a research fund to address, among other things, the use of all diagnostic techniques including X-rays and the newer imaging modalities.

It is true that advances in diagnosis using magnetic resonance and ultrasound, neither of which involves X-rays, have been dramatic. The present provision of these in the UK is inadequate to meet existing demands, and many diagnostic procedures are still best done by routine X-ray.

Yours faithfully,
OSCAR CRAIG (Past President,
Royal College of Radiologists),
The White House,
18 Sandy Lane, Cheam, Surrey.
October 18.

IRA ceasefire

From Mr B. M. Nonhebel

Sir, Mr Crocker (letter, October 19) says he will be reassured that the IRA have given up the "armed struggle" when waste and rubbish bins reappear on our railway stations. As a seasoned commuter, I shall instinctively know that the IRA is about to call off its ceasefire when these bins reappear.

Yours faithfully,
B. M. NONHEBEL,
Rowleys, Southwood Road,
Shalden, Alton, Hampshire.

Noises off

From Mr Nick Boreham

Sir, On the Archers on October 17 William Grundy released his barn owl. I am concerned as to whether "Barny" was ready to be returned to the wild — the noise of his wings flapping sounded more like a pigeon to me than a silent barn owl.

Yours faithfully,
NICK BOREHAM,
Rosewell,
2 Chequers Lane, Fingest,
Henley, Oxfordshire.

PM's questions

From Mr Humphry Berkeley

Sir, In your leading article of October 19 you welcome the fact that both the Prime Minister and Tony Blair have helped to make Prime Minister's question time more civilised.

When I entered Parliament, in 1959, Prime Minister's questions were put on the order paper on Tuesdays and Thursdays but were frequently not reached, since question time only lasts for an hour, starting at 2.30pm and ending at 3.30pm. Since then, however, the Speaker decided that Prime Minister's questions would be taken at 3.15pm, irrespective of how many questions still remained to be answered, and that is still the case.

Questions to the Prime Minister had to relate to matters for which he was directly responsible. I frequently tabled questions to the Prime Minister about Africa and, sometimes, I received a polite note from Downing Street to say that the Prime Minister had transferred my question to the Colonial or Commonwealth Secretary for one of them to answer.

Now, most of the questions put to the Prime Minister relate to his engagements for a particular day, and the questioner can then ask him anything under the sun. Consequently, Prime Minister's questions have become ridiculous.

The fact that this "crystal-gazing guesswork" — as Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, MP, rightly calls it in his letter today — is televised has played a large part in lowering the esteem in which members of the public hold members of Parliament.

Yours faithfully,
HUMPHRY BERKELEY
(Conservative MP for
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October 19.

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Airport name to make spirits soar

From Professor Emeritus A. R. Hall, FBA, and Dr N. A. F. Smith

Sir, When some years ago the Italian authorities decided to create a new airport to serve their capital at Fiumicino near Ostia, they ennobled it with the name of Leonardo da Vinci. Since Leonardo dreamed of human flight, the name was peculiarly appropriate. More predictably, the United States chose Kennedy, France chose Charles de Gaulle, and so on.

London has its main airport at Heathrow: nameless, though known to the world. We propose that the world's busiest international airport should be dignified by the name of James Watt.

If James Watt (1736-1819) never dreamed of human flight, nevertheless his achievements in mastering energy for human use prepared the way for it. The piston petrol engine traces its form back to Watt; the kerosene turbine descends from the Parsons steam turbine, and who does not know of Watt and steam?

Why should the British not remind the world of a man who, more than any other, is for ever associated with man's pursuit of mechanical power?

Yours sincerely,
A. RUPERT HALL,
NORMAN A. F. SMITH,
14 Ball Lane,
Tackley, via Kidlington,
Oxfordshire.
October 18..

West Bank mission

From Mrs R. Nevis

Sir, You report (October 15) the attempt by Israeli commandos to rescue the kidnapped soldier, Nachshon Waxman, from the house where he was held by Islamic militants as "bungled" and "humiliating". Why don't you lay the blame for this atrocity where it lies?

To me, the heroic self-sacrifice displayed by the commandos on their desperate mission was obvious. As usual, Israel was willing to pay the highest price in the effort to save a life.

Yours,
R. NEVIS,
21 Holmfield Avenue, NW4.
October 16.

Case for the ecu

From Mr David Kemp, QC

Sir, The fundamental objection to a single EU currency is that control of a nation's currency would be surrendered to a central institution, likely to be dominated by Germany. The main advantage for businessmen of a single currency would be the ability to make forward contracts without having to take currency fluctuations into account. This can now be done by buying ecus in advance and contracting in ecus.

The disadvantage of this method is the large charges made by banks for converting national currencies into ecus and ecus into national currencies. Let the European Commission for once issue a useful directive: "All authorised banks in the EU shall change national currencies into ecus and ecus into national currencies at the prevailing rate of exchange without charging for the transaction."

This would also assist the tourist as he travels within the EU with his travellers' cheques drawn in ecus and ecus in his pocket.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID KEMP,
4 Raymond Buildings,
Gray's Inn, WC1.
October 17.

Access to 'Hansard'

From Mr Peter Parry

Sir, You report today that the cost of *Hansard* is putting it beyond the reach of many individuals and libraries. Rather than subsidising the printing of many copies — most of which will remain unread — why not place *Hansard* on Internet?

Hansard is already produced on a computer, so the costs would be very small. It might encourage libraries to provide Internet access to their customers, and serious researchers would have up-to-date information at their fingertips.

With an associated Internet news group a forum for interesting and informed (sometimes!) debate on Parliament might ensue, to the benefit of all.

Yours faithfully,
PETER PARRY,
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Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.
October 20.

Spock tactics

From Mrs Anna Adam

Sir, Doctor Spock is still expounding the way we should treat our children, although he now says the American malaise can be traced back to rearing selfish, greedy children (report, October 20).

I remember my husband saying, 30-odd years ago, that "spock" should be the noise that you made when you smacked them.

Yours faithfully,
ANNA ADAM,
Roots, Dartnell Avenue,
West Byfleet, Surrey.

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COURT CIRCULAR

HM YACHT BRITANNIA
October 19: The Queen this morning visited St Andrew's Anglican Church, Moscow, and was received by the Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe (the Right Reverend John Hind) and the Reverend Chad Coussmaker (Resident Canon).

Her Majesty later visited the site of the new British Embassy and, having been received by the Mayor of Moscow (Mr Yuri Luzhkov), unveiled a commemorative stone and viewed a model of the new building.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon arrived by air in St Petersburg and were received by the Governor of Leningrad Region (Mr A.S. Belyakov) and the Mayor of St Petersburg (Mr Anatoly Sobchak).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness drove to the Catherine Palace, Pushkin, and were received by the Director (Mr Ivan Saurov) and viewed the restoration work in the Palace.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh later visited St Petersburg University and were received by the Rector (Professor Ludmila Verbitskaya), where Her Majesty addressed the members of the University in the main auditorium.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness this evening attended a Concert by young Russian musicians followed by a Reception for members of the British community in the Yusupov Palace.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited the Convent of Martha and Mary, Moscow, and was received by the Director, Icon Restoration Centre (Mr Adolf Ovchinnikov).

His Royal Highness later called upon His Holiness Patriarch Alekse II of Moscow and All Russians.

HM YACHT BRITANNIA
October 20: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited the Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg, and were received by the Director (Professor Mikhail Piotrovsky).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness afterwards travelled by the Royal Barge to the Fortress of Peter and Paul and, having been received by the Director (Mr Natalia Dementieva), visited the Cathedral.

This afternoon The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were entertained to Luncheon at the Mariinsky Palace by the Mayor of St Petersburg (Mr Anatoly Sobchak).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness, with the President of the Russian Federation and Madame Yeltsina, later laid Wreaths at the Memorial to the Victims of the Leningrad Siege at the Piskarevskoye Cemetary.

The Queen, with Madame Yeltsina, afterwards visited the St Petersbury Scientific Research Institute for Prosthetics and was received by the Director (Dr Anatoly Kier).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were subsequently received on board *HMY Britannia* by a group of young Russian professionals who had taken part in British training schemes.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening gave a Banquet on board *HMY Britannia* in honour of The President of the Russian Federation and Madame Yeltsina.

Afterwards Her Majesty and His Royal Highness, with His Excellency and Madame Yeltsina, attended a short Farewell Ceremony on the English Embankment.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh subsequently sailed for Helsinki in *HMY Britannia*.

The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited the Russian Navy Cruiser *Bespokoiny* was received by the Commander in Chief of the Navy (Admiral Feliks Nikolaevich Gromov) and Captain 2nd Rank Yevgenny Ivanovich Alyoshin (Commanding Officer).

His Royal Highness afterwards visited the Naval Museum and viewed a demonstration of equipment produced by the Russian British Marine Computer Systems joint venture.

By Command of The Queen, Mr John Hooley (Deputy Lieutenant of West Sussex) was present at Gatwick Airport, London, this morning upon the Arrival of the Governor-General of Antigua and Barbuda and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 20: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, today gave a Luncheon at Buckingham Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 20: The Princess Royal, President, International League for the Protection of Horses, this morning attended the Annual Seminar at the Jockey Club Rooms, Newmarket, and was received by Sir John Mowbray, Bt (Deputy Lieutenant of Suffolk).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, SENSE, the National Deaf-Blind and Rubella Association, this afternoon opened two group homes, 37 and 38 Redgate Court, Parnwell Way, Peterborough, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crowden).

The Princess Royal, Chancellor, University of London, this evening attended the Foundation Day Dinner and presented Honorary Doctorates at the Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1.

Mrs David Bowes-Lyon was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 20: The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, this morning received Sir Neil Shaw.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 20: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, The Guide Association, was present this afternoon at a Reception to mark the Launch of the Association's "Look Wider Programme" for the Senior Section, held at Commonwealth Headquarters, Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1.

The Lady Juliet Townsend was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 20: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, President, The National Gardens Scheme, this afternoon received Mrs Nigel Azis on relinquishing the appointment of Chairman and Mrs John Foulsham on assuming the appointment.

The Duke of Gloucester today visited Suffolki and was received on arrival by Major General Jack Dye (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk).

In the morning His Royal Highness opened the Suffolk Preservation Society's Conference "Building Design — A Sense of Place" at the Athenaeum, Bury St Edmunds.

In the afternoon The Duke of Gloucester opened the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution's residential home Manson Gardens, Northgate Street, Bury St Edmunds.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester today visited Royal Air Force Uxbridge, Middlesex.

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 20: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning arrived at London Heathrow Airport from Bangkok.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron UNICEF UK, this evening attended a Recital by Eton College Boys Choir, the Chapel, Eton College, Eton, Berkshire.

Mrs Richard Beckett was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Sir Malcolm Arnold, composer, 73; Mr Geoffrey Boycott, cricketer, 54; Lord Brand, 71; Mr David Campese, rugby player, 32; Mr Norman Clarke, former secretary and registrar, Institute of Mathematics and its Applications, 78; Mr Simon Gray, writer, 58; Lord Grieve, 77; Sir Maurice Hodgson, former chairman, British Home Stores, 75; Mr John Hull, former deputy chairman, Schroders, 69; Mr Leo Kirch, German media entrepreneur and industrialist, 68; Mr Peter Mandelson, MP, 41; Professor Sir Roy Marshall, former Vice-Chancellor, Hull University, 74; Miss Nadia Nerina, prima ballerina, 67; Lord Oranmore and Browne, 93; Sir Georg Solti, conductor, 82; Mr John Stevens, Chief Constable, Northumbria, 52; Lord Thomas of Swynnerton, 63; Mr Patrick Thompson, MP, 59; Mr P.J. Tosch, former chairman, Vauxhall Motors, 54; Mr Francis Warner, poet and dramatist, 57; Sir William Whitfield, architect, 74; Dr Elsie Widdowson, CH, nutritionist, 88.

Lock of Nelson's hair in auction of Trafalgar treasures

Lord Northesk sells family archive

BY JOHN SHAW

A LOCK of hair, a splinter of wood and a file of old letters brought the age of Nelson vividly alive again in London yesterday.

The hair was Nelson's and the piece of wood a cut from the spot on the deck of *HMS Victory* where he died during the Battle of Trafalgar on October 21 1805.

They are part of a unique archive being sold by the Earl of Northesk whose ancestor Admiral Lord Northesk was Nelson's third in command. It contains medals, swords and paintings from a distinguished naval career, as well as Nelson's secret strategy for the battle. The 58 lots are expected to make £200,000 at Sotheby's on December 13.

The sale was announced on the eve of Trafalgar Day. Lord Northesk's gold Trafalgar medal and other decorations, his presentation sword engraved with Nelson's famous signal "England Expects Every Man To Do His Duty" were on show with a drum which summoned Marines to the deck of Northesk's ship, the 100-gun *Britannia*.

PETER TREVINOR



Lord Northesk stands in front of a portrait of Admiral Lord Northesk wearing his ancestor's gold Trafalgar medal and holding his presentation sword

The collection has been in the family ever since and is the most important archive of its kind in private hands, said Dr Peter Beal, a manuscript expert at Sotheby's who catalogued the sale.

Lord Northesk said the papers had been kept in a safe at his home near Petersfield, and at one stage had been offered to the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich. But they were unenthusiastic and said they had plenty of material about Nelson and Trafalgar.

Lord Northesk said: "This sale will be a tremendous wrench. Before my father died earlier this year we discussed it at length and came to the conclusion that realistically we don't have any facilities to look after this properly and so that is the simple motive for selling."

By coincidence a picture brought in to Sotheby's has been identified as a portrait of Admiral Lord Northesk wearing the Trafalgar medal and presentation sword. It is expected to make about £2,500 at a sale of British Paintings on November 9.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester will attend the Anglo-Danish Society's ball at the Savoy Hotel at 7.50 to mark the 70th anniversary of the society's foundation.

The Duke of Kent will visit the Birmingham International Motor Show at the National Exhibition Centre at 11.00; and, as President of the RAF Benevolent Fund, will attend a gala concert at the Albert Hall at 6.55.

Rear Admiral Sir Hugh Janion

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Hugh Janion, KCVO, will be held in the Royal Naval Chapel, Greenwich, at 2.30pm on Wednesday, November 30. Would those wishing to attend please notify The Flag Lieutenant to the Admiralty Board, Room 6108, Main Building Ministry of Defence, London, SW1A 2HB, enclosing stamped addressed envelope.

Women of the Year

The Duchess of Gloucester will attend the Women of the Year Luncheon, in aid of the Greater London Fund for the Blind, at the Savoy Hotel on Monday, October 31. The other speakers will be Mrs Helen Suzman, International guest of honour, and Ms Sandi Toksvig.

Receptions

HM Government
Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, QC, Minister of State at the Scottish Office, was host yesterday at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government in Edinburgh Castle to mark the fourth World Health Organisation meeting of Government Chief Nursing Officers.

Sternberg Centre for Judaism
The Right Rev Lord Coggan and the Rev Andrew White were presented with the 1994 International Council of Christians and Jews award by Professor Dr Martin Stohr, president, at a reception held yesterday at the Sternberg Centre for Judaism. The reception also marked the birthday of Lord Coggan (October 9).

Service dinners

Navy Board
Admiral Sir Benjamin Bathurst, Chief of Naval Staff and First Sea Lord, presided at the Navy Board Trafalgar Night dinner held last night at Admiralty House. Among those present were:
Baroness Cox, Mr Roger Freeman, MP, the Hon William Waldegrave, MP, Admiral Sir Hugo White, Admiral Sir Michael Layard, Vice Admiral Sir Somerford Teagle, Vice Admiral Sir Toby Frere, Mr Michael Bett, Mr Conrad Black, Mr Patrick O'Brian, Mr David Spedding, Vice-Admiral R Walmsley and Rear-Admiral J Brigstocke.

HMS Excellent
Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach was the guest of honour last night at the first Trafalgar night dinner to be held at *HMS Excellent*, Whale Island, since recommissioning. Commander Allan Adair presided. Vice-Admiral Sir Hugh Martell, Rear-Admiral A. Davies, Captain J.G. Wells, Captain H.H. Dannreuther, Captain W.J.M. Teale, Captain G.R. Villar, Captain P.D. Nichol, Captain R.K.S. Bethell, Captain J.J. Streatfeild-James and Captain J.T. Lord, former Captains of *HMS Excellent*, were also present.

RN College Greenwich
Field-Marshal Lord Bramall, KG, Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, proposed the toast to the "Immortal Memory" at a dinner held last night at the Royal Naval College Greenwich to mark the 189th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar. Commander I.R. Wellesley-Harding, Commander of the College, presided.

Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785
Mr Corelli Barnett was the principal guest at a dinner of the Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785 held last night at Lincoln's Inn to mark the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar. Commodore R.J. Lippiett presided.

Naval Historians
Dr Nicholas Rodger was the guest at the annual dinner of Naval Historians held last night at the Garrick Club. Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin presided and Mr Michael Tapper proposed the toast to the "Immortal Memory".

Royal Artillery
The Royal Artillery Alamein dinner was held last night at the Royal Artillery Mess, Woolwich. General Sir Martin Farndale presided. Among those present were:
The High Commissioner for South Africa and Mrs Durr, Field Marshal Sir Richard Vincent, Air Marshal Sir Donald Hall, Sir Nigel and Lady Mobbs and Mr and the Hon Mrs Richard Hoare.

Adjutant General's Corps
The officers of the Adjutant General's Corps dined last night in their Headquarter Mess at Worthy Down. Lieutenant General Sir Jeremy Mackenzie, KCB, OBE, Colonel Commandant, presided.
Mrs Mary Fagan, Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, the Right Rev Colin James, Bishop of Winchester, General Sir Charles Guthrie, GCB, LVO, OBE, ADC Gen, Chief of the General Staff and Mr A.G. Rucker, Assistant Under Secretary (Security and Counter Terrorism) were among the guests.

Service luncheons

Army Board
General Sir Charles Guthrie, Chief of the General Staff, was the host at a luncheon given by the Executive Committee of the Army Board yesterday in the Officers' Mess of the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery, St John's Wood, in honour of the Lord Mayor of London. Among those present were:
General Sir Jeremy Blacker, General Sir John Akehurst, Mr Moray Stewart, Major-General Tim Granville Chapman, Major-General Jack Deverell, Major-General Andy Evans, Mr Sheriff Jonathan Charkham and Colonel Mark Carnegie-Brown.

3rd Infantry Brigade 1939-45
Officers of Headquarters 3rd Infantry Brigade and of the units under command between 1939 and 1945 held a reunion luncheon yesterday at Armoury House. Major-General D.E. Isles presided.

Service reunion

Clover Club (8th Indian Division)
Brigadier John Woodroffe, President of the Clover Club (8th Indian Division), with members of the club and their ladies attended a reunion held yesterday at HM Tower of London. Mr Lindsay Wince presided.

Lecture

Toynbee Hall
Sir Leon Brittan, QC, delivered the 1994 Barnett lecture last night at Toynbee Hall. Mr John Profumo, president, and Mr Roger Harrison, chairman, received the guests at a reception held afterwards.

Luncheons

HM Government
Mr Alastair Goodlad, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House to bid farewell to Mr António Vaz-Pereira, Ambassador of Portugal.

Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies
The Earl of Erroll, High Constable of Scotland and a Vice-President of the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, presented the Julian Bickersteth Memorial medal to Mr J.S.W. Gibson at a luncheon held aboard *HQS Wellington* yesterday. Among those present were:
Mr Cecil Humphery-Smith (principal) and Mrs Humphery-Smith, Professor Alfred Smyth, Colonel Iain Swinnerton, Mr Robert Noel and Mr P de V Beauclerk-Dewar.

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
Mr Roy Swanston, President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at 12 Great George Street, in honour of Viscount Ullswater, Minister for Construction and Planning.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Georg Ernst Stahl, chemist, Ansbach, Germany, 1660; George Colman the Younger, actor, London, 1762; Samuel Taylor Coleridge, poet, Ottery St Mary, Devon, 1772; George Combe, phrenologist, Edinburgh, 1788; Alphonse de Lamartine, poet and statesman, Mâcon, France, 1790; Alfred Nobel, inventor of dynamite, founder of prizes bearing his name, Stockholm, 1833; Leonard Rossiter, actor and comedian, Liverpool, 1926.

DEATHS: Pietro Aretino, satirist, Venice, 1557; Edmund Waller, poet, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, 1687; Arthur Schnitzler, dramatist, Vienna, 1931; Sir Muirhead Bone, water colourist and etcher, Ferry Hinksey, Oxford, 1953; Jack Kerouac, writer, Lowell, Massachusetts, 1969.

Horatio Nelson, Viscount Nelson, was killed in action at the Battle of Trafalgar, 1805.

At Aberfan, near Merthyr Tydfil, a coal tip slid, killing 144, including 116 children, 1966.

Willy Brandt was elected Chancellor of West Germany, 1969.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T. Atkin and Miss P.M. Nunn
The engagement is announced between Tony, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Atkin, of Putterham, Tring, and Philippa, daughter of Dr and Mrs H.L. Nunn, of Harvington, Evesham, Worcestershire.

Mr J.M. Barnes and Miss J.S. Wood
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Graham Barnes, of Wormlebury, Hertfordshire, and Maureen Barnes, of the Isle of Man, and Jessica, elder daughter of Derek and Sally Wood, of St Hugh's College, Oxford.

Mr I.R. Christie and Miss K.A.B. Gillam
The engagement is announced between Iain, son of Mr and Mrs A.C. Christie, of Plymouth, Devon, and Katherine, daughter of Mr I. Blackwood, of Warminster, Wiltshire, and Mrs A-M. Gillam, of Bath, Avon, and stepdaughter of Mr J.F.R. Gillam, of Farleigh Castle, Bath.

Mr I.E. Geldard and Miss L.C.A. Shersby
The engagement is announced between Ian, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs Alfred Geldard, of Leeds, Yorkshire, and Lucinda, only daughter of Mr Michael Shersby, MP, and Mrs Shersby, of Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire.

Mr S.W. Harrison and Miss R.D. Davis
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Harrison, of Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, and Rosalind, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Ronald Pearce Davis, of Epsom, Surrey.

Mr N.P. Maidment and Miss E.L. Harry Thomas
The engagement is announced between Neil Patrick, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs E.R. Maidment, and Elizabeth Louise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D.J. Harry Thomas, of Pavilland Manor, Gower.

Mr D.R.H. Timberlake and Miss M.J. Watts
The engagement is announced between Dominic, second son of Mr R. Timberlake, of South Kensington, London, and Mrs A. Timberlake, of Bowlhead Green, Surrey, and Maria, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Watts, of Dogmersfield, Hampshire.

Mr M.J. Clarke and Miss C.A. Hennessy
The engagement is announced between Malcolm, son of Mr and Mrs C.W. Clarke, of Birmingham, and Catherine, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.N. Hennessy, of Birmingham.

Dr W.J. McAllister and Miss L.J. Tasker
The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs J.R. McAllister, of Nunthorpe, Cleveland, and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs L.P Tasker, of Purley, Surrey.

Mr V.G. McKey and Miss K.L. Evans
The engagement is announced between Vincent, son of Mr and Mrs Desmond McKey, of Ealing, and Katharine, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Evans, of St Albans.

Mr P.G. March and Miss P.M. Coles
The engagement is announced between Patrick, younger son of Mr and Mrs David March, of Abbots Leigh, Bristol, and Patricia Marianne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Coles, of Clifton, Bristol.

Mr R.C. Newton and Miss A.H.R. Coupe
The engagement is announced between Robert Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Edgar Newton, of Shamley Green, Surrey, and Alice Hermione Rose, daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Coupe, of Colyton, Devon.

Mr I.M. Notley and Miss S.L. Chalk
The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs J.P.W. Notley, of Hunston, Suffolk, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs I.C. Chalk, of Watford, Hertfordshire.

Mr S.I.R. Ross and Miss J.E. Williams
The engagement is announced between Stuart, son of Mr and Mrs I. Ross, of Hartley, Kent, and Jacquie, daughter of the late Mr J.W. Williams and of Mrs Patricia Williams, of Wisbech, Cambridgeshire.

Mr C.J.C. Wilson and Miss F.B.S. Mahn
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Dr and Mrs D.J. Wilson, of Goffs Oak, Hertfordshire, and Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs K.E. Mahn, of Kew, Surrey.

Dinners

Lord Mayor
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained representatives from commerce and industry, city institutions and businesses, public services and the media and their escorts at the City banquet held last night at the Mansion House.
Members of the Court of Aldermen, the Chief Commoner and Members of the Court of Common Council were also present. The Lord Mayor, Sir Thomas Macpherson, President of the European Chambers of Commerce and Mr Daniel Hodson, Chief Executive of LIFFE, were the speakers.
At the banquet the "Dragon Awards", the Lord Mayor's awards for business involvement in the community, were presented to the following organisations:
Costain Engineering and Construction, Grand Metropolitan/"Burger King", Lovell White Durrant, Marks and Spencer and Mayday Staff Services.
A London Partnership Award was made to a combined community project known as: "The Brix" at St Matthews.
Special certificates were awarded to: Glaxo Holdings and Royal Mail London.

Scientific Instrument Makers' Company
Rear-Admiral John Hilton, an Assistant of the Scientific Instrument Makers' Company, proposed the toast to the "Immortal Memory" at the admission court dinner held last night at Scientific Instrument Makers' Hall. Mr Bill Goldfinch was installed as Master, Mr David Wallis as Senior Warden and Mr Bill Lyons as Junior Warden. Sir Alastair Morton was the principal speaker. The Senior Warden also spoke.
During the dinner the Master announced the granting of a further four scholarships at the start of the present academic year to undergraduates reading subjects related to the Craft of Instrumentation. Among those present were:
The Masters of the Glaziers', Spectacle Makers', Clockmakers', Launderers' and Engineers' Companies and the Director-General of Military Survey.

Broderers' Company
The Master of the Broderers, the Right Hon Lord Slynn of Hadley, presided at the annual Associated Companies dinner of the Broderers' Company held last night at Mercers' Hall in the presence of the Master of the Mercers' Company, Dr D.M. Watney, the Master of the Masons' Company, Mr S. Mason, CBE, and the Master of the Cooks' Company, Mr R.P. Horne. The principal guests were:
The Right Hon Viscount Whitelaw, KT, CH, MC, the Right Hon Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Right Hon Lord Hayhoe, the Right Hon Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, MP, Sir Michael Allyn, OM, FRS, and Professor Sir David Williams, QC.

United Kingdom Central and Eastern European Legal Scholarship Scheme
The Treasurer of Grays Inn presided over a dinner held on Wednesday evening at Grays Inn Hall for Central and Eastern European lawyers attending the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary and Westfield College. Guests included the Ambassadors of Latvia, Poland, Albania, Slovak Republic, Estonia, Czech Republic and Azerbaijan. Sir Thomas Bingham (Master of the Rolls) was also present.

Association of Clinical Pathologists
Dr W.R. Timperley, President of the Association of Clinical Pathologists, presided at a dinner held last night at the Kensington Close Hotel.

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Psalm 65:4 (REB)

BIRTHS

ALEXANDER-SINCLAIR - On October 15th, to Celestria and James, a son, Maxim Boyd.
FAGE - On October 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Tracy (née Hannigan) and Paul, two sons, James William Whiteside and Peter Stafford Whiteside. Attending Physician, Trevor P. Dutt, F.R.C.O.G.
GALPIN - On 12th October to Sarah (née Richardson) and Robin, a son, Oliver Charles
GOEKJIAN - On October 15th, to Kim (née Dunn) and Christopher, a son, Michael Christopher.
HUGHES - On October 7th 1994, to Laura (née Flennes) and Roger, a daughter, Lucy Venetia, a sister for Charlie.
OATTS - On October 15th 1994, to Alasdair and Melissa (née Pacey), a daughter, Charlotte Bridget Marsa at Forth Park Hospital, Kirkcaldy.
O'NEIL - On October 19th, to Sydney, to Charlotte and Denis, a son, Toby Albert.
ORPEN-PALMER - On 16th October, to Phillipa (née Neely) and Jeremy, a son, Tobias Jeremy, a brother for Nat, Theo and Josh.
PELISSIER - On 18th October at The Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Lucy (née Horgan) and Jonty, a daughter, Freya Augusta Lily, a sister for darling Sophie.
RABETT - On October 14th, to Nicky (née Bilborough) and Andrew, a daughter, Elizabeth Harriet Rabett.

DEATHS

BICKNELL - Ellen aged 92, on 20th October at Hexham. Sister of Peter, Claud and Nigel.
BLACK - On 16th October at Cheltenham General Hospital, Joan Margaret of Winchcombe, aged 65 years. Beloved wife of Kenneth, dear mother of Tessy and Nicola and a much loved granmie. The funeral service will take place at Cheltenham Crematorium on Wednesday 26th October at 2 pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Save the Children Fund c/o The Treasurer, Langley Dene, The Hyde, Winchcombe, Glos.
EADE - On October 18th, peacefully at home aged 89, Stanley Robert. Beloved husband of Kathleen and loving father of Bob and Kate and grandfather to Harriet, Liz, Jane, Cara, Simon, James and Annabel. Funeral at Mottistone Church, I.O.W., on Wednesday October 26th at 1 pm. Family flowers only, donations for Mottistone Church to Everson Funeral Directors, The Broadway, Totland, I.O.W., tel: (0983) 755755.

BIRTHS

RUDDOCK - On 15th September, to Eleanor (née Bloom) and William, a daughter, Naomi Alesia Roxanne.
SEWARD - On October 12th, to Linda and Robert, a son, Keith Robert George, a brother for Alyscon and Emily.
WHITEHEAD - On 8th October to Emma and Pip, a wonderful son, Orlando James Rathbone.

DEATHS

McGREGOR - Kenneth on 20th October, at Bryn Celyn. Beloved of Sheila, Ailsa and Imogen. Private funeral, no flowers please.

MOORE - On October 16th, after an illness, bravely borne, Brigadier Jock Arthur Hume Moore CBE, REME, aged 81, deeply beloved and loving husband to Fan, father to Ian, Tom and Joanna and grandfather to seven grandchildren. Funeral Service will take place at 11 am on Monday October 24th at the Church RMA Sandhurst, Camberly, followed by family cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to REME Benevolent Fund, Arborfield, Berks. RG2 9NJ.

NEEVE - On October 19th, peacefully at his home in Richmond, North Yorks, Group Captain Frederick William Neeve, R.A.F., (Ret'd), most dearly loved husband of Em (Fez), loved by his daughter Janis and son-in-law John and proud grandpa of Sandy, Biddy and darling Angus (deceased). Funeral Service at Darlington Crematorium on Monday October 24th at 11.15 am. No flowers or letters please, but donations if desired to The R.A.F. Benevolent Fund c/o John Blenkiron Funeral Service, Victoria House, 19 Victoria Road, Richmond, North Yorks. DL10 4AS.

DEATHS

NICHOLS - On October 17th 1994 after a long illness, John Trevor of Old Hunstanton. Beloved husband of Pat, dearly loved father of Carol and Christopher and much loved grandfather of Charlotte, Amanda, Jonathan and William. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Old Hunstanton, on October 24th at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired for The Sandcastle Home c/o John Lincoln F/D, 40 Grevegate, Hunstanton, Norfolk.

POTTER - Constance, dearly loved sister of Mildred, Hilda and Audrey, peacefully at Bexhill-on-Sea on 19th October. Funeral private.

ROMILLY - Irene May on 24th August 1994 aged 79. Funeral at Fortune Green Cemetery on 27th October at 2.30 pm, all welcome. Enquiries (071) 267-5540.

SASSOON - Hermo, at home 17th October 1994, aged 65 years. Widow of the late Jack Sassoon. Requiem Mass on Tuesday October 25th at the Carmelite Church, Kensington Church Street, London W8 at 2.30 pm. Flowers or donations to charity, to be sent to H.J. Bent & Co., 343 Ladbroke Grove, London W10 6HA.

STONE - On Tuesday 18th October 1994, passed peacefully away, George, aged 70 years, of Purley. Husband of Ann and father of Ashley and Anthony. Will be dearly missed by his family and friends. Funeral Service on Tuesday 25th October 1.30 pm at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, Sussex. Donations to Harestone Marie Curie Centre, Caterham.

DEATHS

TOMPKINS - Joseph George, on 14th October 1994, peacefully, at St Peters Hospital, Chertsey. Funeral 24th October at St Mary's Church, Ottershaw, with burial at Burvale Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The British Diabetic Association c/o F.W. Chitty & Co., 26 Brassey House, New Zealand Avenue, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey KT12 1QD.

WHGAN - On 17th October, suddenly and painlessly at home aged 79, Mary, wife of the late Pat; much loved mother of Desmond, Peter, Susan and Christopher; Granny of Neil, Zoë, Lelia, Patrick, Jane, George and Ellie. Funeral Service at St Barnabas, Faccombe, on Wednesday 26th October at 11.30 am, and afterwards at Netherton Farmhouse. Flowers and enquiries to Camp Hopson & Co., 6-12 Northbrook Street, Newbury, Berks. RG13 1DN, tel: (0635) 522210.

WYLIE - On October 17th, at Aveley Hill Nursing House, Farnham, aged 84, Ian Standish, formerly Deputy Commissioner Federation of Malaya Police. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium, Friday 21st October at 2 pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to The Rectory, Upper Church Lane, Farnham, Surrey GU9 7PW.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

d'ABRANYI - Fraser, Joyce Valerie beloved wife of Melchior, died on 21 October 1985 - ever in my thoughts. "Jeremiah" - Jethendra!"
LYNES - George Patrick, 23/10/14-21/4/1987, Sergeant R.A.F. Africa Star (Malta). On your 80th birthday Dad. A quiet unassuming hero of World War II and my hero too Dad. Always in our thoughts, your overloving daughter Alicia, son-in-law Alan and grandson Richard (South Africa).
POPPLEWELL - Ronald, 21st Oct. 1914 - 22nd Dec. 1983. Lovingly remembered, Irene.

MARRIAGES

KELLERSCH-COX - On Saturday 8th October, in Corbridge, Northumberland, Steven, elder son of Barry and Carole Kellersch, The Wirral, Cheshire, to Claire, elder daughter of Jim and Jane Cox, Hexham, Northumberland.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

GUNTER-RUSH - 40th and Wife, October 21st 1944 50 years on and thriving in Devon. Lots of love from all the family.

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SIR BERNARD CAULFIELD

Sir Bernard Caulfield, Judge of the High Court of Justice (Queen's Bench Division) 1968-1989, died on October 17 aged 80. He was born on April 24, 1914.



IF IT is permissible for a judge to indulge his appetite for theatrics in the courtroom, Bernard Caulfield must rate as one of the outstanding judicial figures of his time. He possessed the essential qualities for a good judge — an unquenchable thirst for individual justice, sound legal and independent judgment, an equable temperament and, nearly always, a sure touch in assessing human conduct and evaluating social attitudes. But there was a streak of mischief in the performance of his judicial work.

He hardly ever missed an opportunity for lacing his words, from the Bench, often couched in florid language, with not always apt commentaries about human situations which were presented forensically. He will be forever remembered by the public for his bestowing on Mary Archer, wife of Jeffrey (Lord) Archer in his successful libel action against the *News of the World* — to the tune of half a million pounds damages — the ultimate accolade of pulchritude: "Remember, Mrs Archer in the witness box. Your vision of her will probably never disappear. Has she elegance? Has she fragrance?" That was part of a purple passage in a summing-up that must have powerfully influenced the jury in arriving at its verdict, hotly disputed by the protagonist. A notice of appeal, not ultimately pursued, alleged that the summing-up had been "biased, unfair and unjudicial".

In almost his last case before retirement, at Chelmsford Crown Court, he presided over the trial of a 12-year-old boy, who was in local authority care, charged with the murder of a girl, aged nearly three, who had been led away (not kidnapped) from a children's party before being killed and sexually interfered with in a wooded area on a railway embankment. The case particularly called for a lowering of the inevitable emotional tension which could so easily sway a jury to a false verdict. Caulfield breached the canon of judicial moderation. In his opening words to the jury he was unable to resist the temptation to exhibit his personal horror of the crime, in a manner distinctly unfavourable to the maladjusted boy in the dock who had denied any responsibility for the crime.

"Mr Justice Caulfield: Members of the Jury, have you ever dressed or prepared a pretty little girl for a birthday party? You may have done and, if you have, you have probably done so with great affection and with great love, particularly for a girl whose tender years has not reached three, a girl who is and must be by nature immaculate, a word only used for a person as pure as a child of two or three, a child who is inviolate. You may think that [the victim's mother], whom you have not seen today, dressed her child with affection and with perfection. On the 22nd February last, she was wearing a beautiful tartan coat with loose sleeves, a pretty dress with buttons down the centre, and buckles on her shoes, and white tights. I have emphasised the white tights, spotlessly white tights, which are mentioned from time to time in this case. And that immaculate girl was suffocated on the railway embankment, and the wicked person who suffocated her — and my goodness you may think he must have been wicked — then feasted his filthy senses upon her and violated what, on the pathologist's evidence, was a corpse.

"Counsel for the accused referred to these facts as 'quite nasty'. Well, you yourselves will use your own words to describe the facts in this case and you may feel that 'quite nasty' is a gross understatement. I am not inviting you to rouse your passions against this young defendant, but I am inviting you to look dispassionately, I am inviting you to look dispassionately and coldly at the facts of this case, and however coldly you look at them and however dispassionately you look at them you must reach eventually a state of disgust."

In the judge's defence, it has to be said that his calculatedly biased summing-up passed muster with the Court of Appeal.

If this disclosed a serious weakness in judicial, not to say judicious behaviour, nothing else detracted from the very great affection and respect with which Bernard Caulfield was held by his professional colleagues and all those who appeared before him in court. His demonstrable independence was most evident in the case where he expostulated that it was high time that Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act 1911 should be pensioned off.

Out of court he was the most congenial of companions, and liked nothing better than to engage in music-making of all varieties, with people from all walks of life, particularly the young.

Bernard Caulfield came from a medical background, his father being a well-known general practitioner in St Helens, a fact that helped him in the many personal injury cases in which he was engaged as counsel. He went to St Francis Saviour College in Liverpool and on to Liverpool University. He started off his life in the law as a solicitor, being admitted in 1940, but on returning from wartime service decided to transfer to the Bar, practising on the Midland Circuit and taking Silk in 1961. He was one of the early appointments to the Bench made by the incoming Labour administration. Lord Gardiner, the Lord Chancellor, had been a close colleague, with whom he is thought to have shared political sympathies.

Bernard Caulfield's two decades on the Bench were spent almost entirely out on circuit, the Northern Circuit (of which he was the presiding judge from 1976-80) being his favourite stamping ground. His infrequent sittings in London were a major factor in precluding him from promotion to the Court of Appeal, but his predisposition to live and work away from the metropolis would have clinched a refusal of promotion. He did, however, enjoy his not infrequent visits to his Inn of Court, Lincoln's Inn, of which he became the treasurer for the year 1987.

After his retirement in 1989 he was to be seen at seminars and conferences on legal affairs, and was a willing participant as a commentator on the media. It was as if he needed still to ventilate his aptitude for the theatre of public affairs. He is survived by his widow, three sons and a daughter.

OLDRICH CERNIK



Cernik, right, eye-to-eye with Alexei Kosygin, the Soviet Prime Minister at Moscow airport in October 1968, two months after the Warsaw Pact invasion

Oldrich Cernik, Prime Minister of Czechoslovakia, 1968-70, died in a Prague hospital on October 19 aged 72. He was born in Ostrava on October 27, 1921.

ONE of the architects of Czechoslovakia's abortive attempt to reform the communist system in 1968, Oldrich Cernik was also the last of the reformers to retain a prominent position in the party and in the government. His success in surviving politically after the invasion by five Warsaw Pact armies led by the Soviet Union in August 1968 was a testament to his shrewd, not to say unprincipled, political flexibility.

He had played a central role in the abortive attempt to introduce "socialism with a human face". Together with Alexander Dubcek, the Communist Party Secretary-General, and Jozef Smrkovsky, the President of the National Assembly, he was taken, at gunpoint, when the tanks rolled into Prague on August 21, 1968, thrown into an aeroplane and flown to Moscow. There the Soviet leadership threatened to destroy Czechoslovakia unless its leaders formed a quisling government and conformed to Soviet doctrine.

On the return of the Czechoslovak leaders to Prague, it was Cernik who, a week after the invasion and with Soviet tanks still encircling strategic buildings, broadcast to the nation, beginning the process of rationalising what he described as "this exceptionally difficult situation". His speech was a masterful display of realpolitik double-talk in which he called upon Czechoslovaks to recognise their predicament, and urged patience and understanding for the party and government's efforts to "normalise public and economic life" and to bring about the departure of the foreign troops.

A day later, at a private briefing to Czechoslovak journalists, he urged intellectuals to leave the country while they still could, saying that the Russians had drawn up a list of more than 2,000 people who might be arrested. No one was safe, he said, not even himself.

Only two weeks before the invasion, at the height of the reformist period, he had given a warning that Czechoslovakia could not be neutral in the East-West confrontation. It was at their borders, he said, that the frontiers of two world systems met. The military blocs of the Warsaw Pact and Nato had a common frontier and history had confirmed on many occasions that Czechoslovakia could not be unaligned. Economic co-operation in eastern Europe was outdated and required reform, he said, but the country was dependent on the socialist camp for its economic development, its supplies of raw materials and food, and the Eastern bloc countries provided a market for its products.

Oldrich Cernik was the son of a miner and began his working life at 16 as a machinist tool operator and locksmith at the biggest Czechoslovak steel works at Vitkovice near Ostrava, a town 180 miles east of Prague. For five years from 1949 he worked in the office of the regional commitee of the Communist Party in Ostrava, then as a secretary and later principal secretary of the party's district committee.

From 1954 to 1956 he was head of regional administration in Ostrava and then became secretary to the Central Committee of the Communist Party. He was Minister of Fuel and Power Supply from 1960 to 1963 and then chairman of the State Planning Commission and Vice-Premier.

He was a member of the Secretariat of the Communist Party Central Committee from 1956 to 1961, joined the Central Committee in 1959 and in 1960 gained membership of the National Assembly. He became a member of the Praesidium of the Central Committee in 1966 just as the reformist movement was beginning to find its political feet.

The following year Cernik had a well-established reputation as a dynamic technocrat in charge of planning. By then First Deputy Prime Minister, he was among a group of Young Turks who withdrew their support from President Novotny, demanding his resignation from his position as First Secretary of the Communist Party. It was a move that enabled Novotny to withdraw fairly gracefully from the leadership of the party while remaining head of state and allowing the reformists to press ahead with their more liberal plans, which were being studied with interest in the West.

In 1966 Cernik paid an eight-day visit to Britain for talks with Harold Wilson, the Prime Minister, and members of the Government to discuss the possibility of expanding trade and cultural links.

Cernick was 44 and regarded as one of the country's top industrial administrators and economic planners when the reformist Central Committee, headed by Dubcek, appointed him Prime Minister in April 1968. He threw his weight behind the "Prague Spring" reform programme, although attempting to reassure Moscow that the Soviet Union was a "firm and reliable international guarantee of the existence, freedom and sovereignty of Czechoslovakia".

A month later he announced a wide-ranging programme of liberalising political and economic reforms and proclaimed Czechoslovakia's readiness to open her doors to Western industrial investment. He stressed the democratic rights and freedom of citizens and said legislation would be introduced to guarantee freedom of the press and the right of assembly. His announcement of Czechoslovakia's desire to co-operate economically with the West made clear the new regime's determination to break away from the confines of the communist bloc's economic patterns and was precisely the sort of development that was setting the alarm bells ringing in Moscow.

Two weeks before the Soviet tanks put an end to the reforms, Cernik was continuing to promote them, assuring his audience in the West that the renewal of economic ties with Comecon, the Eastern bloc common market, which had been reached in meetings with the Russians at Cierna and Bratislava a week earlier would not affect trading agreements that had been reached with the West.

A year after the invasion, however, Cernik was displaying his grasp of realpolitik. He sought to dissociate himself from the "errors" of the Dubcek leadership, emerging as a harsh critic of the 1968 reform programme.

Promising close co-operation with the Soviet Union and the other socialist countries, he referred to the "evil period" of the 1968 liberalisation and told a research institute in Kiev: "We see in this the only natural and reliable base without which the future development of Czechoslovakia is unthinkable. The activities of "anti-socialist forces" were "dangerous as expressions of revisionism in theory and opportunism in policy are in practice." He talked of "The venomous seedlings planted by counter-revolution strategists of world imperialism" and expressed gratitude to the "comrades of the Warsaw Pact nations for the invaluable support and assistance you rendered our country in August last year and which you continue to give."

This remarkable change of attitude did not surprise some of Cernik's political contemporaries who had always regarded him as a self-seeking technocrat who had had no genuine feeling for the reformist ideas

Despite his ideological turnabout, he did not last long in the political arena in post-invasion Prague. In January 1970 he lost his post as Prime Minister to Lubomir Strougal and was also dropped from the Praesidium. For six months he survived as Minister of Technical and Investment Development before being squeezed out of the government altogether.

He attempted to revive his political career after the Communist regime was ousted in the "velvet revolution" of 1989 but in June this year suffered injuries to his lungs and ribs in a car accident. He was admitted to hospital a month later where he died of heart failure.

MARTHA RAYE

Martha Raye, actress, singer and comedienne, died in Los Angeles on October 19 aged 78. She was born on August 27, 1916.



Martha Raye with Charlie Chaplin in *Monsieur Verdoux*, 1947

MARTHA RAYE was one of Hollywood's veteran comediennes. Her assets included a generous, toothy mouth, an enormous pair of lungs and excellent legs. She was pretty rather than beautiful as a girl, but had the sort of mobile features that lasted well into her fifties. Above all she was a natural comic performer in the wise-cracking, slapstick mould, and indeed people could find her unexpectedly subdued behind the scenes when she was not, magnificently, "on". The American comedian Milton Berle called her "one of the four funniest women in the world".

As a film actress she had the misfortune to appear in some eminently forgettable films, but there was one notable exception — *Monsieur Verdoux* (1947), a Bluebeard-type comedy in which Raye played an indestructible intended murder victim (and incidentally stole most of her scenes from her co-star, Charlie Chaplin). She also played in musicals, entertained the troops, married, divorced and remarried seven times, and recently fought and lost a law suit with Bette Midler. The American press, having once latched on to the newsworthiness of her roller coaster private life, were loath to leave her alone, even in her old age.

She was born Margaret Teresa Yvonne Reed in the charity ward of a hospital in Butte, Montana, where her parents had been stranded in the middle of a vaudeville tour. She learnt the business literally at the feet of her masters, making her stage debut at the age of three. By the age of 13 she was singing with a band. She played nightclubs up and down the country with her new stagename of Martha Raye, and was eventually spotted by the director Norman Taurog at Hollywood's Trocadero Café, and signed up for his next film in 1936.

This was *Rhythm on the Range*, an innocuous musical western starring Bing Crosby, who was reduced to crooning to a bull at one point. It was an inauspicious start to her long Hollywood career and Graham Greene, having been forced to sit through it, wearily pronounced that "it needs some stamina to be a film reviewer". However, Raye's lovely performance of "Mr Paganini" was a great success, and Paramount rushed her into a string of musicals and comedies.

These included *Waikiki Wedding* (1937), again with Crosby; *Give Me a Sailor* (1938), which kick-started Bob Hope's career; *Keep 'Em Flying* (1941), a huge box-office success for Abbott and Costello; and *Pin Up Girl* (1944) with Betty Grable. After *Monsieur Verdoux*, Raye's celluloid appearances became increasingly rare, but they included *Jumbo* (1962) starring Doris Day and Jimmy Durante, a circus musical with a huge budget and Rodgers and Hart songs.

Meanwhile Raye had continued energetically in nightclubs, burlesque shows, radio and television. She had her own *Martha Raye Show* in the mid-1950s. In 1967 she replaced Ginger Rogers on Broadway in *Hello Dolly*, and in 1972 played the lead in a revival of *No, No, Nanette*.

Above all, though, she had become one of America's most hard-working troop entertainers. She had gone out to the battlefronts in the Second World War, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, and won a special Academy Award for her work in that area in 1969.

Thus she became a sort of public institution in America, and from middle age onwards everything about her private life was grist to the mill for the gossip columnists. There was certainly a good deal of salacious detail to report: nervous collapses, suicide attempts and a chaotic romantic life which included seven marriages, the last to Mark Harris, a man more than thirty years her junior, when she was 75.

Despite all this, she continued to be regarded with great fondness by her public, even when a younger generation might have been forgiven for thinking of her solely as the Polident woman from the television commercials. She was rewarded for it all last November when President Clinton gave her the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

She suffered a stroke in January 1990 which paralysed her left side and left her unable to walk. However, nursed attentively by her husband, she still found the spark to sue Bette Midler for allegedly using her life story as the basis for Midler's film, *For the Boys* (the lawsuit was dismissed by a judge earlier this year).

She leaves her seventh husband, and a daughter from her fourth marriage.

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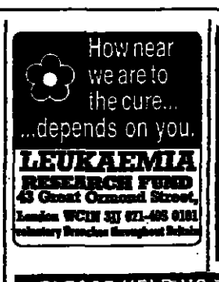
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CYPRUS.—The following is an extract from a private letter from an officer quartered at Cyprus with the depôts of the army in Egypt:—"Camp Polemedia, Limasol, Cyprus, October 4, 1882.—I have been here for three weeks and have not yet been able to get out of camp to visit Mount Tröodos, which is 47 miles from here. All the troops have been moved here on account of its being so cold under canvas up there. Here it is very hot in the middle of the day, but cool in the evening. I cannot understand why anyone should call this island unhealthy. The towns are, of course, cesspools, as all Turkish and Greek places are—the drainage of centuries has soaked into the ground, and there has been no sort of drainage system. They say Limasol is as large again as it was before the occupation, and certainly it gives one the idea of being almost a new town. Houses are springing up everywhere almost by magic. People say the natives are beginning to find out that they can spend their money now with advantage, so, instead of bottling it up, they are building right and left. All have the same story to tell—i.e., that Turkish rule, or rather misrule, has ruined the island. There is a great sensation going on now, as the Cyprus Herald has published an article saying there is an idea that the island is to be given back to Turkey. The Greeks, I hear, are in despair at the thoughts of it, and I do not expect the Turks would like it—I mean the Turks in the island. Since the occupation the area of vineyards has just doubled, so I am informed by a Commissioner whose name I will not give. Most of the wine, which is nasty, is sent to France to mix with claret. The wine would be excellent were it not that it is put in dirty skins painted with tar. I have tasted some which is made for the club here, and not put in skins, which is excellent—beats any light claret, and is better than most after-dinner claret. It costs retail 4d per bottle! You never saw such grapes as they grow, and really with no cultivation or trouble. With a little English enterprise and capital I should say a fortune might be made here in a very little time. At present there seems no energy, and the Cypriotes are quite content if they can make enough to live on. If it were once understood that the Government meant to stick to the island no doubt capital would flow in, and the island would be as prosperous as it was centuries ago. It is a most wonderfully fertile soil. There is excellent water here, but at present very little of it. The Engineers are, however, laying down pipes, so that we shall have plenty in a few days. The Governor is a most energetic man. He is here, there, and everywhere, and seems quite the right man in the right place. We are about four miles from Limasol. Here there is a certain amount of fever, but it is very slight—only lasts a day or two. We have not had a death among the troops since I have been here, although we had a large detachment of sick from Egypt. There are about 1,500 men here all told. The Cypriotes are a very civil lot, and know quite well what a good thing it is for them having a good market for their produce. As an instance of the rise in prices, eggs are now 24 for 1s.; two months ago you could buy 60 for 4d."

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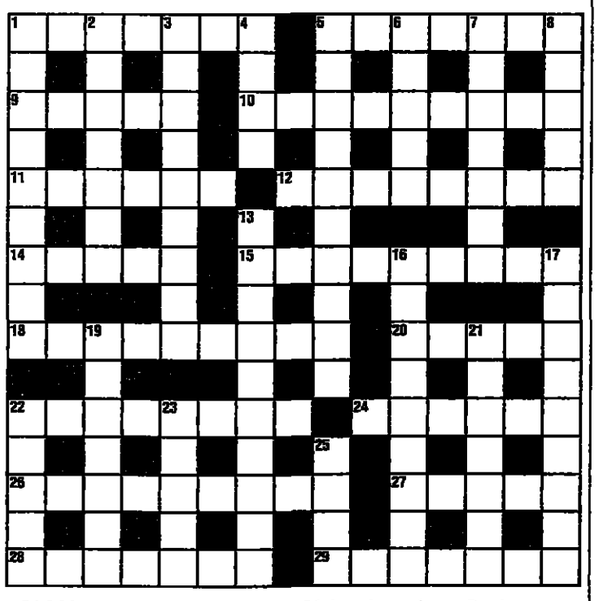
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Herne Bay, Kent, 17C (63F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Torquay 0.81in, highest sunshine: Penzance 7.3hr.

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FORECAST

☐ Eastern England will get off to a cloudy, wet start, but it will gradually dry up and become brighter. Central and western parts will have sunny intervals and a few showers before rain during the evening. Northern Ireland will have sunny intervals and a few showers, then cloud and rain for the evening.

Eastern Scotland will have a damp morning, with some rain, but this should become restricted to the Northern Isles. The West will have some sunshine, but will cloud over through the evening. Temperatures will be near normal everywhere.

☐ **London, S E England, E Anglia, E England, N E England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Central Highlands:** rain or drizzle gradually dying out. Wind southeast mainly moderate. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Central S England, E Midlands, Central N:** early mist, then sunny intervals. Perhaps some rain later. Wind southeast moderate locally fresh. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **W Midlands, N W England, Lake District, S W Scotland, Glasgow:** sunny intervals, a few showers. Some rain later. Wind southeast, mainly fresh. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Channel Isles, S W England, S Wales, N Wales, Isle of Man, N Ireland:** sunny intervals, some showers, but rain later. Wind south or southeast becoming fresh. Max 15C (59F).

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☐ **Argyll, N W Scotland:** sunny spells and showers. Wind southeast moderate or fresh. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Outlook:** rain spreading across most parts during Saturday, then sunshine and showers on Sunday.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 6 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	F	
Aberdeen	-	-	10	50	du	London	0.4	-	16	61	c
Anglesey	-	0.07	13	55	r	Lowestoft	3.9	-	13	55	b
Aspatria	2.3	0.02	13	55	r	Manchester	0.2	-	14	57	c
Aviemore	4.0	-	13	55	c	Margate	3.8	-	15	59	s
Belfast	-	0.07	11	52	r	Minehead	1.2	0.19	16	61	r
Birmingham	-	0.02	13	55	r	Morecambe	2.1	0.01	14	57	r
Bognor R	-	0.03	15	59	r	Newcastle	-	-	11	52	du
Bournem'th	-	0.17	15	59	r	Newquay	3.8	0.34	15	59	s
Bristol	-	0.21	14	57	r	Norwich	X	-	13	55	c
Buxton	-	0.02	11	52	du	Nottingham	-	-	13	55	c
Cardiff	0.4	0.33	14	57	r	Oxford	-	0.08	13	55	r
Clacton	2.6	-	13	55	b	Penzance	7.3	0.46	18	61	s
Colwyn Bay	-	0.02	12	54	d	Plymouth	3.8	0.31	15	59	b
Cromer	4.2	-	13	55	b	Poole	-	0.26	15	59	r
Doncaster	2.6	-	15	59	c	Prestatyn	X	0.03	12	54	r
Dunbar	X	-	-	-	-	Rose-o-wye	-	0.25	13	55	r
Eastbourne	0.1	0.01	15	59	r	Ryde	X	-	-	-	-
Edinburgh	-	-	13	55	du	Salcombe	4.2	0.28	16	61	r
Eskdalemuir	0.2	0.01	11	52	r	Sandown	-	0.06	15	59	r
Exmouth	2.4	0.64	15	59	r	Saunin Snd	3.7	0.47	17	63	s
Falmouth	X	0.30	15	59	b	Scarboro'	0.5	-	11	52	c
Fishguard	2.2	0.20	14	57	r	Scilly Isles	6.9	0.36	15	59	s
Folkestone	2.5	-	16	61	c	Shanklin	-	0.13	15	59	r
Glasgow	0.3	-	13	55	c	Shrewsbury	-	0.06	12	54	r
Guernsey	3.5	0.31	15	61	c	Skegness	3.0	-	13	55	c
Hastings	0.7	-	15	59	c	Southend	3.5	-	11	52	b
Herne Bay	4.7	-	17	63	b	Southport	-	0.19	13	55	r
Hove	0.1	-	15	59	c	Southsea	-	0.11	15	59	r
Hunstanton	4.7	-	15	59	b	Stornoway	4.4	-	14	57	s
Ilfracombe	X	-	-	-	-	Swanage	-	0.23	15	59	sh
Isle of Man	-	0.34	12	54	r	Teignmouth	3.0	0.79	16	61	r
Jersey	2.2	0.26	15	59	r	Tenby	X	-	-	-	-
Kinloss	3.2	-	13	55	b	Tiree	-	-	13	55	c
Leeds	X	X	14	57	d	Torquay	3.8	0.81	16	61	r
Lerwick	0.4	0.01	9	48	c	Tynemouth	-	-	11	52	c
Leuchars	-	-	11	52	du	Ventnor	-	0.17	15	59	r
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Liverpool	-	0.17	13	55	r						

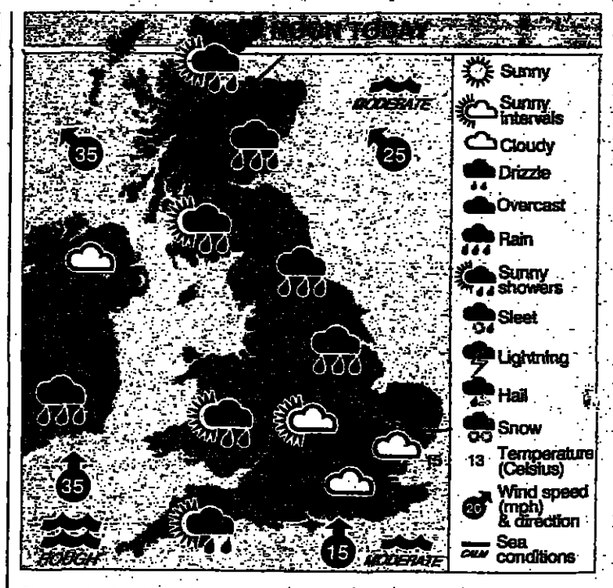
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ABROAD

Ajaccio	22	72	f	C'phagn	8	46	s	Madrid	18	61	f
Alicnte	27	81	s	Cortu	20	68	f	Majorca	21	70	f
Alex'dria	30	86	s	Dublin	13	55	c	Malaga	20	68	f
Algiers	21	70	f	Dubrovnik	21	70	s	Malta	24	75	c
Amst'dm	10	50	s	Faro	21	70	s	Melb'rne	16	59	f
Athens	23	73	f	Florence	17	63	f	Madco C	20	68	f
Bahrain	31	88	f	Frankfurt	11	52	s	Miami	28	82	s
Bangkok	31	88	f	Funchal	25	77	f	Milan	12	54	r
Barbados	24	75	f	Geneva	13	55	f	Monreal	15	59	c
Barcelona	19	66	f	Gibraltar	17	63	c	Moscow	-1	30	c
Beirut	26	79	f	Helsinki	3	37	s	Munich	13	55	s
Belgrade	14	57	s	Hong K	28	73	f	Nairobi	23	73	c
Berlin	9	48	s	Innsbrck	20	68	s	Naples	24	75	f
Bermuda	25	77	s	Istanbul	17	63	f	N Delhi	-	-	-
Biarritz	18	64	s	Jeddah	37	99	s	N York	21	70	f
Bordx	14	57	c	Jo'burg	27	81	s	Nice	16	61	f
Brussels	14	57	f	Karachi	36	97	s	Oslo	6	41	s
Budapst	11	52	c	L Palmas	28	79	c	Paris	12	54	c
B Aires	23	73	f	Le Touet	12	54	f	Peking	17	63	s
Cairo	30	86	s	Lisbon	19	66	s	Perth	27	81	s
Cape Tn	18	64	r	Locarno	12	54	f	Prague	9	48	s
Chicago	23	73	s	L Angels	21	70	s	Reykjavik	8	46	c
Ch'church	7	45	c	Luxembg	12	54	s	Rhodes	22	72	f
Cologne	12	54	s	Luxor	33	91	s	Rio de J	27	81	f
								Riyadh	32	90	s
								Rome	21	70	f
								Salzburg	15	59	s
								S Frisco	13	55	s
								Santiago	17	63	f
								S Paulo	14	57	f
								Seoul	18	64	c
								Shkholm	7	45	s
								Strasb'rg	11	52	s
								Sydney	17	63	r
								Tangier	20	68	f
								Tel Aviv	29	84	s
								Tenerife	26	77	c
								Tokyo	24	75	c
								Toronto	19	66	s
								Tunis	25	77	s
								Valencia	23	73	s
								Vanc'ver	10	50	r
								Venice	17	63	c
								Vienna	11	52	s
								Warsaw	7	45	s
								Wash'ton	19	66	c
								Wel'ngton	10	50	s
								Zurich	13	55	f

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available

FORECAST TODAY



Changes to chart below from noon: lows F and G will drift towards UK and deepen; high H will change little; high G will decline; low A will drift to SE and fill



TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.57	7.0	2.10	6.9	Liverpool	11.56	9.0	-	-
Aberdeen	1.03	4.2	2.12	4.2	Lowestoft	10.01	2.5	10.19	2.5
Avonmouth	7.54	13.1	8.12	13.0	Margate	12.43	4.7	12.51	4.7
Belfast	11.44	3.4	-	-	Milford Haven	6.53	6.8	7.10	6.8
Cardiff	7.41	11.98	7.59	11.92	Newquay	5.48	6.8	6.02	6.8
Devonport	6.22	5.4	6.38	5.3	Oban	6.13	4.0	6.34	4.0
Dover	11.57	6.6	-	-	Penzance	5.18	5.5	5.38	5.4
Falmouth	5.52	5.2	6.08	5.1	Portland	7.17	2.1	7.34	2.0
Glasgow	1.41	4.7	1.50	4.8	Portsmouth	-	-	12.03	4.6
Harwich	12.28	3.9	12.27	3.9	Shoreham	-	-	12.06	6.1
Holyhead	11.00	5.4	11.16	5.4	Southampton	11.27	4.5	11.42	4.4
Hull	6.58	7.40	7.17	7.24	Swansea	6.58	9.4	7.18	9.3
Ilfracombe	6.36	9.08	6.54	9.00	Tees	4.12	5.2	4.32	5.2
King's Lynn	7.03	6.7	7.23	6.6	Wilton-on-Nze	12.22	4.1	12.34	4.1
Leith	3.09	5.4	3.25	5.4					

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Sun rises: 7.34 am
Sun sets: 5.55 pm
Moon sets: 9.33 am
Moon rises: 6.47 pm

London 5.55 pm to 7.36 am
Bristol 6.05 pm to 7.48 am
Edinburgh 5.56 pm to 7.59 am
Manchester 6.00 pm to 7.49 am
Penzance 6.20 pm to 7.55 am

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THE TIMES

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — FRIDAY OCTOBER 21 1994

Lloyd's moves to seize awards

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

LLOYD'S of London plans to change its rules, so that it can receive directly — and keep — the bulk of any court awards made to litigating names. This decision, which needs Department of Trade and Industry approval, comes three weeks after more than 3,000 Gooda Walker names won an estimated £504 million in a High Court ruling.

If the change goes through, the insurance market will rank ahead of several other creditors, all vying to share in litigation proceeds. Names will receive any money left over after their debts to Lloyd's have been paid.

Michael Deeny, the chairman of the Gooda Walker Action Group, branded the Lloyd's plans as "the ill-considered act of the bad loser" and vowed to challenge them in the courts. "We are happy to take it all the way to the House of Lords," he said. "We are not going to give the money up quietly."

David Rowland, the chairman of Lloyd's, said the decision was justifiable on moral grounds because names should first discharge their liabilities "before going off to the South of France".

Lloyd's is owed a total of £1.2 billion by more than 10,000 names, a debt that is being funded by other names, thus threatening the market's solvency position. Mr Rowland said many names who had paid their debts — often with extreme difficulty — were angry that others might not have to do so.

In a letter sent to names yesterday, he said some names who owed money "had openly declared their intention not to use the proceeds of litigation or settlement to meet their outstanding liabilities". He said this would not be fair or equitable.

To obtain any court awards directly, Lloyd's plans to change names' premium trust deeds. That requires approval from the market's ruling council and from Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, whose prime concern is protection offered to policyholders. Lloyd's is seeking the views of individual names, the Society of Names, the Association of Lloyd's Members and the action groups, by November 18.

Tom Benyon, the former Conservative MP and director of the Society of Names, said: "The result is a foregone conclusion. Lloyd's council will vote as it is told."

Mr Deeny said he agreed that names, if possible, must discharge their debts to Lloyd's but he criticised the planned amendment for ignoring names' other creditors. "A lot of names have borrowed money to pay their Lloyd's losses. Many still owe money to Lloyd's as well as to banks and other creditors and all Lloyd's is trying to do is jump the queue."

In a document entitled *Proposed changes to the premiums trust deeds*, issued yesterday, Lloyd's admitted that the council was concerned that a "significant" number of names would not use court recoveries to pay their Lloyd's liabilities. This would adversely affect Lloyd's solvency and the security offered to policyholders by Lloyd's policies.

Mr Rowland said litigating Gooda Walker and Feltrim names owed Lloyd's a total of £669 million; the amendment would enable Lloyd's to catch up to £578 million. This compares with the losses of £629 million and £530 million of losses that Gooda Walker and Feltrim names, respectively, are trying to recover from the courts.

The case brought by more than 1,650 names on the loss-making Feltrim syndicates started in the High Court on Tuesday.

Mr Deeny said he did not know how Lloyd's reached the £578 million figure, especially as 43 per cent of Gooda Walker names were still underwriting and so did not owe any money.

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PETER TRIEVNOR

Tough talking: sentiment may have to go out of the window, Alan Sugar said yesterday

Sugar threatens to axe business that made him

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE hi-fi and computer business on which Amstrad made its name could be shut down if the latest attempt to stem losses is not successful, Alan Sugar, the chairman, said yesterday.

Amstrad will in future rely more heavily on products that sell direct to consumers or to businesses, such as the Viglen computer maker bought this year for £60 million, rather than those on show in the high street, he said.

Mr Sugar was unveiling full-year figures that fell a long way short of City expectations after a raft of one-off costs. Losses before tax for the year to June 30 were £19.9 million, little improved on a £20.5 million deficit last time, after £6.9 million of stock writedowns and £4 million of costs taken in rationalising European operations.

Amstrad ended the year with net cash of £138 million, although £30 million has since gone out on Viglen. David Rogers, the new chief executive, has the task of reorganising the consumer electronics side into two divisions, a trading arm and a research and development-led business, in an attempt to turn it round.

Mr Sugar said: "It would be irresponsible and far too premature to put a hatchet through the lot. But sentiment may have to go out of the window if it isn't a viable proposition." Despite the losses, the final dividend is being held, payable on December 2, making a total maintained at 0.5p.

Mr Sugar said the company should be "turning the corner" in the current financial year, helped by the addition of profitable businesses such as Viglen. But there would be little help from consumer demand, and he rejected any suggestion of an economic recovery. "If you are talking about what Mr Major is saying, and his friend next door at number 11, it's distinctly different to what's going on in the market place," he added.

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Banks forced to give better advice on home loans

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

HIGH street banks are being forced by the Office of Fair Trading to upgrade the advice they give to mortgage customers. This follows strong criticism from Sir Bryan Carsberg, director-general of the OFT, and a series of meetings between his department and the banks.

Sir Bryan launched a withering attack on the revised *code of banking practice when* it was published in February. He said the code, which came into force the following *month*, was a "wasted opportunity to make a step increase in consumer protection".

The banks, under the auspices of the British Bankers' Association, are now expected to produce written guidelines on best practices for mortgage sales — possibly next month.

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Last year, the OFT had called for an amendment to the voluntary code of banking practice under which banks would be required to give "best advice" to their customers when selling financial products. Fair trading officers have been particularly concerned about the sale of endowment mortgages by banks and building societies.

Banks are not paid commission for selling repayment *mortgages but they are paid* by life insurance companies for selling endowment and other specialised mortgages — such as those linked to pensions and unit trust personal equity plans.

Despite increasing concern about the value for money of endowment and other specialised mortgages, in particular when surrendered early, the proportion of endowment mortgages sold is high — estimated at about 70 per cent of all mortgages.

The code failed to address the issue and is not due to be revised again until March 1997. The OFT is likely to accept written guidelines for bank and building society staff instead.

A *spokeswoman for the* BBA said the issue of best advice was under discussion. She said: "We have had long *conversations with the OFT.* We are in the middle of talking about what the OFT regards as best advice and how the banks can either adapt or respond." She said no decision had yet been taken on whether to issue written guidelines.

However, sources at the OFT said it was "confident that the banks have taken on board the message that we have been plugging and we are looking to the banks to make a step improvement in the advice available to customers in a very sensitive area."

The OFT plans to publish its research into endowment mortgages next month.



Sir Bryan: withering attack

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* denotes midday trading price

Malaysian deals

Seven months of diplomatic wrangling and an embargo on British companies trading with Malaysia were officially ended yesterday, when Michael Heseltine signed agreements to allow two British companies, Rover and Hawtal Whiting, to embark on big contracts. **Page 26**

IBM impresses

International Business *Machines outstripped Wall* Street's expectations yesterday, turning in third-quarter profits of $710 million based on steady profit margins and increased revenues. **Page 30**

Mortgage lending shows 2% decline in September

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BUILDING society mortgage lending edged down last month and demand for credit by business and industry remains weak, according to figures released yesterday.

Net new commitments fell by 2 per cent to £2.97 billion from £3.02 billion in August and £3.24 billion in July, according to the Building Societies Association. Gross mortgage lending totalled £3.19 billion in September compared with £3.45 billion in the previous month and net advances, including loan repayments, edged lower.

Adrian Coles, BSA director-general said that September's half point rise in interest rates *did not appear to have harmed* confidence significantly but warned that the housing market could be damaged by any further increases in rates.

The British Bankers' Association reported that lending by the major British banks rose only £183 million in September, against £1.5 billion in August, and a six-month average of £1.08 billion. Only individuals borrowed in September with all business sectors repaying debt.

In contrast to the weaker picture seen in the building society figures, the BBA reported a rise of £659 million in lending for house purchase, but lending "for consumption" rose by only £8 million.

September's rate rise has had a dramatic effect on building society inflows, according to the BSA figures. Higher deposit and savings rates attracted a net inflow of £322 million compared with an inflow of £91 million in August. Other figures from the Bank of England yesterday showed that M4 money supply, including M4 lending, rose 0.4 per cent in September, pushing its annual growth rate up slightly to 4.8 per cent — well within the Bank's 3-9 per cent monitoring range.

Surprise rise in failed firms

THERE was a surprise rise in receiverships in the third quarter, according to figures from KPMG Peat Marwick, the accountant. A total of 508 corporate collapses were recorded in the three months to September 30, against 480 in the previous quarter (Martin Barrow writes).

Increases of 20 per cent and 11 per cent were recorded in the North West and South East. But there were decreases of 13 per cent in Scotland and South Wales and of 11 per cent in the North East.

Taken over the course of the first nine *months of the year*, the number of receiverships was significantly lower than in the same period of 1993, with 1,579 against 2,332, a decrease of nearly one-third.

Tim Hayward, KPMG's head of corporate recovery, said: "While it is disappointing to see that the numbers are up on the previous quarter, it is heartening to see that so far this year there has been a massive drop when compared with the same time last year." Mr Hayward expects to see about 2,000 receiverships for 1994 as a whole.

Mr Hayward said last month's increase in interest rates did not appear to have dampened growing confidence in the manufacturing sector.

British Gas accepts Ofgas proposal for stand-alone storage

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITISH Gas yesterday broadly accepted proposals from Ofgas, the industry regulator, designed clearly to separate the company's transportation and storage arm from its other businesses.

Ofgas's proposals aim to create a structure for TransCo, British Gas's transportation arm, which will enable it to offer services in the same way to all of Gas's businesses and to independent gas companies.

Originally, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission recommended that British Gas be broken up, and its transportation and storage business made a separate unit.

After Michael Heseltine rejected this proposal, British Gas split itself into five national businesses, including TransCo, ahead of moves towards greater competition in gas that are expected to be signalled by the forthcoming gas Bill.

Ofgas yesterday published proposals to make the separation as effective as possible. Clare Spottiswoode, the Ofgas director-general, said: "Short of divestment, full and effective separation represents the best protection against British Gas's trading businesses benefiting from being part of the same company as TransCo."

The proposals, which will, after consultation, form changes to British Gas's authorisation conditions, are to ensure that "as far as TransCo is concerned, competition will be conducted on equal terms among competitors". Proposals are:

☐ **Chinese walls:** British Gas is to operate on the basis that there should be no flow of information to and from TransCo except on a clearly defined basis.

☐ **Separate management:** TransCo must be free of "unjustified interference" by other parts of British Gas.

☐ **Separate accounts:** TransCo to issue separate accounts.

☐ **Staff:** Ofgas accepts that British Gas will be allowed to move staff between business units, subject to scrutiny under the compliance system. After a while, TransCo will not share premises with any other British Gas unit.

Cedric Brown, British Gas's chief executive, said: "Overall, this is a tough, but realistic, package."

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PW audit income increases

PRICE Waterhouse, the chartered accountant and business adviser, reported UK fee income virtually unchanged at £384 million in the year to June 30 compared with £383.3 million.

Fees earned from audit and business advisory services rose to £146.1 million (£137.4 million), but corporate finance and recovery declined to £47.6 million (£53.2 million).

Ian Brindle, senior partner of Price Waterhouse in the UK, said: "The welcome improvements in the UK economy have generated much needed growth in the audit practice, with a particularly strong increase in business advisory services."

European fee income was £894 million, an increase of 1.8 per cent. Combined revenue for Price Waterhouse worldwide was $3.98 billion, an increase of 2.3 per cent.

AT&T rings up $1.05bn

AT&T, America's largest long-distance telephone company, has reported third-quarter profits of more than $1 billion. Earnings were about the same as last year, but were distorted by the recent acquisition of McCaw Cellular for $11.5 billion.

AT&T, with McCaw, earned $1.05 billion, or 67 cents per share, during the three months to the end of September. Revenue was $18.6 billion. This compares with last year's profit of $1.05 billion, or 78 cents per share, for the period, before the McCaw deal. Revenue then was $16.7 billion. AT&T estimated that if McCaw's contribution was excluded, profits in the latest quarter would have been $1.19 billion, or 87 cents per share, on revenue of $18 billion. That would have meant earnings growth of 14 percent.

Revenue for the first nine months of the year came to $53.98 billion, up from $50.28 billion in 1993, reflecting the combination of AT&T and McCaw.



Michael Heseltine with Britain's High Commissioner to Malaysia, David Moss, in Kuala Lumpur yesterday

Rover and Hawtal Whiting win Malaysian contracts

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

SEVEN months of diplomatic wrangling and an embargo on UK companies trading with Malaysia were officially ended yesterday, when Michael Heseltine signed agreements to allow two British companies to embark on multi-million-pound contracts.

The President of the Board of Trade signed a memorandum of understanding in Kuala Lumpur that opens official doors for British companies to re-enter Malaysia.

Rover and Hawtal Whiting, one of Britain's leading design houses, took early advantage of the end of sanctions imposed by Mahathir Mohamed, the Malaysian Prime Minister, in retaliation for British newspaper stories alleging corruption with regard to aid for a Malaysian hydro-electric project.

There are no official estimates how much the embargo, which ended last month, cost British industry, but UK companies were unable to bid for a share in contracts to build an airport in Malaysia.

Mr Heseltine was clearly sensitive to the effect that the newspaper allegations had on trade with Malaysia, one of the Far East's fastest growing economies. He said: "The recent difficulties were caused by British newspapers." He was accompanied by 40 businessmen on the first trade mission since the ban ended.

Hawtal Whiting, based at Basildon, Essex, is to set up its Far Eastern headquarters in Kuala Lumpur, and will start a feasibility study into the building of a high-technology business park. The company is one of Britain's most successful, if one of the most discreet, exporters. Hawtal Whiting designers have worked extensively with Proton, Malaysia's car manufacturer, including providing design expertise on the latest hatchback seen this week at the British International Motor Show in Birmingham.

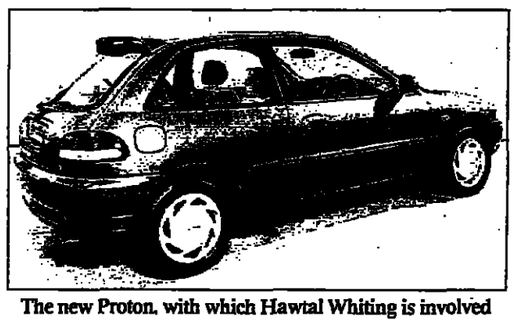
Meanwhile, Rover is negotiating with Proton to supply a range of 2-litre engines in a deal potentially worth millions of pounds. The 2-litre T-series engine is widely used in Rover's 600 and 800 range and is wanted by Proton for a new series of medium-sized and executive cars. Proton will buy the licence to build 50,000 T-series engines a year initially.

Rover earlier this week announced it has signed a contract to supply a V6 version of its K-series engine — used in the Metro and 200 and 400 series models — to Kia of South Korea. The Koreans are expected to make 100,000 of the 2.5-litre engines annually.

The Malaysian deal is a breakthrough in more ways than one for Rover. The company is understood to have beaten Mitsubishi, Japan's No 3 motor manufacturer and a shareholder in Proton, to the contract to supply engines. That means a British company has not only moved quickly into the reopened Malaysia but beaten the Japanese on what is regarded as their home territory.

Mitsubishi Motors, which has a 17 percent stake in the joint venture company making the Proton, currently supplies already-assembled engines for the car from Japan but that has proved a sore point in Malaysia.

Mr Mahathir has repeatedly complained about Japan's apparent reluctance to transfer engine technology to Malaysia. Nadzmi Salleh, Proton's managing director, said that royalties paid to Mitsubishi for built-up engines were driving up the cost of models designed to compete with lower-costing cars.



The new Proton, with which Hawtal Whiting is involved

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Association in plea over pension transfers

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE powerful National Association of Pension Funds last night called on its members, who manage £300 billion worth of assets and cover 7 million employees, to co-operate with City regulators in helping to restore the fortunes of investors who were mis-sold personal pension plans.

The plea comes ahead of the publication next week of the report by the Securities and Investments Board, the chief City regulator, which will set out guidelines on how the pensions industry should identify and compensate people who were wrongly advised to transfer from their occupational pension schemes into a personal pension. An estimated 20 per cent of the 500,000 people who switched may have received incorrect advice and be in line for compensation that could cost the industry as much as £500 million.

The preferred solution is for former members of company and state schemes, such as those available to civil servants, miners, nurses and teachers, to be reinstated in their old schemes and compensated for any loss of benefits.

The pensions industry has been pushing the Government to make a statement ahead of the SIB report on how it intends to handle the reinstatement of members into the pension schemes for which it is responsible.

Ron Amy, president of the NAPF, said: "We are close to reaching an agreement with the Association of British Insurers on the scale of fees which occupational schemes should charge purely for the provision of information on transfer cases. This is not expected to be a profit-making venture." The NAPF wants its members to readmit for future service current employees who suffered loss as a result of being mis-sold personal pensions and, where possible, to reinstate past service rights, with the personal pension provider footing the compensation bill. If that it not possible, then the personal pension provider should make a payment to top up the personal pension.

Mr Amy said: "It is important that the public continue to have confidence in pension provision."

Bank of Scotland in Rosyth base venture

FOUR companies, including ScottishPower and Bank of Scotland, have formed a venture to buy and develop the Rosyth naval base and dockyard on the Firth of Forth. Babcock International, which operates the dockyard for the Ministry of Defence, and Forth Ports, which runs the main commercial ports on the Forth, are the other members of the joint venture development company, Rosyth 2000 Ltd.

The MoD is considering whether to downgrade the base to a support facility. Regional officials, while welcoming the new proposals, said they were concerned that a big commercial development would force the MoD to carry out its plans to wind down the base. But Gavin Masterton, of the Bank of Scotland, said that the base would continue to operate under the proposed new development.

EU trade barrier move

EUROPEAN industry is set to launch an attack on foreign trade barriers with the blessing of the European Commission. The Commission wants to give EU industries the right to call directly for punitive action against unfairly subsidised imports, rather than going via their own governments. It also wants a new clampdown on illicit trade practices by non-EU countries, ranging from discrimination against foreign goods to piracy of intellectual property rights.

Walker jurors continue

JURORS in the Southwark Crown Court trial of George Walker, former chairman and chief executive of Brent Walker, are to resume deliberations today after a fourth night in a hotel. Mr Walker, 65, and Wilfred Aquilina, 43, former group finance director, deny two joint charges of false accounting, one of theft and one of conspiracy to falsify accounts. Mr Walker denies three additional theft charges. Mr Aquilina denies a further charge of false accounting.

Low inflation across EU

CONSUMER prices in the European Union rose 3 per cent in September, its best annual inflation level in more than seven years. France, Denmark, Britain, Luxembourg, Belgium and The Netherlands posted inflation rates in September below 3 per cent. Consumer prices rose at an annual rate of 3 per cent in western Germany last month and 3.9 per cent in Italy. Greece turned in the worst performance, with an annual increase of 11.9 per cent.

Microsoft advances

MICROSOFT, the computer software maker, said net profit rose 32 per cent in the third quarter to $316 million from $239 million a year earlier. Earnings per share rose to 51 cents (39 cents). Sales advanced 27 per cent to $1.25 billion, while operating profit rose to $437 million from $343 million. The results reflected continued good performance of the Windows program, used in most personal computers, and an improved performance in office computers, Microsoft said.

ICS aid for victims

THE Investors Compensation Scheme has "officially stepped in" to help customers with four former investment firms which have ceased business. The ICS, which has paid more than £67 million to more than 7,000 investors since 1988, named the firms as Harrington Pickles (Life & Pensions) of Harrogate, Lloyd and Company (Securities) of Birmingham, IFB (London) and Jonathans Financial Services partnership of Essex, which was acquired by TSB England and Wales (now TSB Bank).

Chesterfield declines

CHESTERFIELD Properties, which owns West End theatres and Curzon cinemas, saw pre-tax profits fall from £7.8 million to £4.9 million in the half-year to June 30, due to a sharp drop in property sale profits from £3.4 million to £69,000. Roger Wingate, chairman, said: "The group is busy, but it may take a year or two for our present activity to bear fruit." Revenue profits increased from £4.4 million to £4.8 million, and the company is raising the interim 10 per cent to 4.4p.

Anagen shares slip as losses increase

BY RODNEY HOBSON

SHARES in Anagen, the biotechnology company floated at 100p in June last year, slipped another 4p, to 59p, on news of higher losses in the six months to June.

The maker of AuraFlex, a blood-testing system, incurred an operating loss of £2.1 million, against a loss of £1.3 million last time. In spite of the inclusion of £122,000 of interest receipts, against £436,000 in interest costs last time, the pre-tax loss still rose from £1.8 million to £2 million.

With more shares in issue since the flotation, the loss per share fell from 6.7p to 4.3p.

Turnover was a mere £483,000, but Mervyn Sennett, chief executive, says: "We did not have the benefit of any upfront payments from our distributor, but two more stage payments of £1 million should come through in the next six months. Trading revenues will start to build up next year."

Mr Sennett sticks to his target of breaking even in 1996. The AuraFlex system, which can do 20 different tests, including hepatitis and HIV analysis, has been validated in hospitals in London and Brussels.

Mr Sennett promises no leap in research costs. New products will be developed in co-operation with trading partners. He says: "We are not going to be one of those companies that is always going to pay a dividend tomorrow."



Mervyn Sennett, left, chief executive, and Gordon Forrest, technical director, with Anagen's AuraFlex system

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.32	2.13
Austria Sch	16.12	15.62
Belgium Fr	53.21	48.81
Canada $	2.297	2.137
Cyprus Cyp£	0.778	0.728
Denmark Kr	10.14	9.34
Finland Mkk	8.11	7.41
France Fr	8.83	8.13
Germany Dm	2.59	2.38
Greece Dr	388.00	364.00
Hong Kong $	13.14	12.14
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Neaherids Gld	2.878	2.646
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Sweden Kr	12.28	11.48
Switzerland Fr	2.17	1.99
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USA $	1.715	1.585

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Pension fears at Nationwide

Almost 1,000 employees of Nationwide, Britain's second largest building society, stand to lose substantial pension benefits following the sale of a loss-making estate agency to Hambro Countrywide for just £1 and its surveying business for £12 million.

They are members of two lucrative final salary pension schemes, which will be switched to one of Hambro Countrywide's two less generous money purchase schemes.

Tim Poil, general secretary of the Nationwide Staff Association, said last night that legal advice was being sought.

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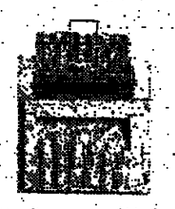
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☐ Ofgas's Chinese wall-building ☐ Sir Bryan Carsberg reins in the banks ☐ BMW's engine for growth

Sealing the Gas leaks

☐ NOT SO long ago, Chinese walls were all the rage in the City as merchant banks and stockbrokers formed free-market alliances. To allay the natural suspicions of those who think all markets are rigged against the little man, the merged securities houses erected communication barriers to ensure that price-sensitive information did not stray from the corporate financiers to the market-makers.

The idea was that you could have all the benefits of corporate finance and market-making under one roof while maintaining fair play and ensuring the merchant bankers did not nudge and wink at their broking colleagues to get their books balanced before a bid.

Having dropped the MMC's original plan to hive off British Gas's transport and storage busines, Ofgas is now charged with creating a genuine business separation while keeping the philosophical structure of the group intact. This is a job that is far more difficult than building metaphorical Chinese walls. With exquisite timing, British Gas has announced the appointment of a compliance officer, Margaret McKinlay, to inspire confidence that the company's Chinese wall will be more than vaporous good intentions.

What will the Chinese walls consist of? Transco will probably have separate offices but Gas has obtained the regulator's approval that staff can transfer from Transco to other premises after a suitable "quarantine period" scrutinised by the compliance officer. However, in a bid to separate cultures and loyalties we are also told that Transco staff and staff from the trading units will not be allowed to attend common training courses.

Here, Ofgas descends into farce. Forced into accepting that Transco remains part of Gas, the bold deregulated gas industry becomes involved in supervising the movement of its staff, from office to training session to lavatory. No doubt Ms Spottiswoode will be on hand personally to ensure they take different trains home.

The problem with these proposals is that they question the logic of British Gas continuing to own the company. Ofgas wants Transco to publish separate accounts but British Gas is lobbying hard to keep certain services common to both businesses on entirely sensible grounds that costs should not be duplicated. In addition, British Gas wants corporate finance, strategy and resources — sensitive areas where the Chinese wall will be very thin — to be managed centrally.

Of course, everything will be well monitored by Ms McKinlay who will have access to every board strategy meeting and Ofgas will supervise the implementation of a lengthy compliance rulebook, and Chinese walls are never breached. One thing might bother Ms Spottiswoode as she admires the oriental construction. Chinese walls have proved remarkably flimsy in the City. Why this one will prove more durable is anyone's guess.

Crusade against the commissions

☐ SIR Bryan Carsberg, the fair-trade watchdog, has been terrier-like in his refusal to let the banks get away with abusing their customers' trust. He has no legal authority to force the banks to come to heel. But he does have the moral high ground, and is determined to exploit it fully.

The OFT has become increasingly aware of the heavy sales techniques used by bank and building society staff who are tempted by the high commissions earnt from selling insurance policies and insurance-based mortgages to their customers. Most bank customers are a trusting bunch. They expect impartial advice from bank and building society branch staff. In reality, those days ended when the banks learnt how much profit they could make from owning captive life assurance subsidiaries. Selling such products is also far less risky than plain old lending.

The OFT told the banks forcefully last year to tidy up their acts, and Sir Bryan was even more forceful in his criticism of them when they failed to take note of his advice.

In February, the volume of publicity given to his attack on the banks for their failure to agree to a self-regulatory requirement to provide best advice to customers on the sale of financial services surprised even him. Perhaps it gave him the impetus he needed to continue attacking the subject.

He has now won the first round of his battle to force the banks to pay more attention to consumer needs. The code will not be changed — yet — but the banks are going to publish written guidelines on best practice for mortgage sales.

And this time round, the banks are likely to make sure the OFT approves of what they are doing before their voluntary guidelines on best practice are published.

Sir Bryan will not let the matter rest. The banks themselves admit that they have evolved into financial services companies. The OFT will continue its discussions with them about other types of financial services products on offer — its next target will be savings products such as Tessas. Peps and unit trusts. The first battle has been won, but the war is not yet over. Roll on round two.

Taking shine off Rover's triumph

☐ ROVER may not have yet landed the deal to manufacture engines for Proton, but if it does, it will be a triumphant success for a company that has dragged itself back from industrial obsolesence to snatch a key contract from the Japanese in their own backyard. Even more so since the customer is Proton, a company that Mitsubishi, with a 17 per cent stake, probably regarded as little more than a satellite of its own operations.

Proton's interest in the T-Series engine shows Rover has a world class product which is adaptable enough to be built on the other side of the world and fitted into a completely different model. Just as important, it shows that Rover is an entrepreneurial organisation, willing to discuss technology transfer and joint ventures, in contrast to the rigid opposition of Mitsubishi to any two-way deal.

Coming on top of the this week's agreement to supply the K-series engine to Kia in South Korea, Rover's successes should make it a role model for European companies wanting to capitalise on the rapidly growing economies in the Asia-Pacific region. What a shame therefore that it is now a German role model, owned by BMW, not a British one. We are all, of course, good Europeans and understand why British Aerospace needed to sell Rover to liberate its balance sheet, but it seems hard lines that BMW can bask in Rover's success when the British taxpayer and BAe's shareholders suffered decades of pain. With BAe now embroiled in a bid for VSEL, one only hopes it can buy as cheaply as it sold.

Lloyd's leaky bucket

☐ LLOYD'S of London is acting like a parched man trying to save water in a rusty bucket, rushing round plugging the leaks. The insurance market's survival depends on names using the cash from any court settlement to pay their debts. Names are all naturally gentlemen and will meet their commitments unswervingly. If so, why are they cross about Lloyd's wanting to withhold the cash until the debts are repaid?

Upton calls for £5.5m to fend off insolvency

BY RODNEY HOBSON

UPTON & Southern, the retail chain, says it will be forced to cease trading unless it raises £5.5 million. Without the money, it cannot support The Reject Shop, acquired earlier this year, and if The Reject Shop closes, Upton itself will lose the support of its bankers.

Upton has also issued writs against the former board of The Reject Shop.

The cash will be raised through a placing of 120 million shares, 72 per cent of the enlarged company. A new, unnamed, institutional investor will take a quarter of the new shares. The rest will be offered to existing shareholders on the basis of 49 new shares for every 20 held. Any not taken up will be placed among outside investors.

Upton will spend £2 million on buying stock for the Christmas period and the rest will be used for working capital and store improvements.

The issue price is the 5p par value of Upton stock. The shares fell 1p, to 5½p, on the stock market. Upton carried out a capital reconstruction and raised £4.5 million in a rights issue in March, when if bought The Reject Shop.

Results for the 18 months to July 31 — the financial year end has been changed from January — show a group pre-tax loss of £4 million, compared with a £635,000 loss for the 12 months to last January. The Upton businesses accounted for £1.4 million of the deficit, including losses on discontinued businesses and a provision for future litigation.

Jeffrey Gould, the chief executive, said: "This should be the end of the bad news for Upton, particularly as it is now trading well from its core business of three departmental stores."

The Reject Shop, trading from 31 leasehold stores, lost £2.5 million in the 19 weeks after it was acquired. Mr Gould said: "This is considerably worse than expected. Sales performance has substantially improved in the last ten weeks."

Upton has issued writs against five former directors of The Reject Shop, including Clive Strowger, who was ousted this week as chief executive of APV. The writs allege breach of fiduciary duty and misrepresentation. A claim of fraudulent misrepresentation is made against Geoffrey Frost, the former managing director.

Upton claims that it discovered stock shortages after the acquisition.

Anthony Hawser, the former joint chairman of The Reject Shop and one of the five, said the proceedings were "without foundation and will be vigorously defended". He would pursue a libel action initiated when Upton produced a trading statement in August.

Mr Hawser said Upton and its accountants had been allowed full access to The Reject Shop for three months before making the takeover offer; the subsequent problems had been caused by Upton abandoning the policy of heavy discounting.

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DENZIL McNEELANCE



Stephen Walls, right, with Ian Quinlan, Albert Fisher's financial director, after reporting lower figures yesterday

US vegetable glut hits Albert Fisher

BY NEIL BENNETT, DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

A SLUMP in the price of vegetables in America, caused by a glut of produce, hit profits at Albert Fisher, the fresh produce group, last year.

Fisher's profits before exceptional items for the year to August 31 fell 19 per cent to £34.2 million. Stephen Walls, chairman, said: "The results indicate that it has not been an easy year for the group or the sector generally. But there are signs of recovery in Europe and we are encouraged by the strong volume growth."

The group's sales rose 18 per cent to £1.37 billion, but underlying earnings per share fell 24 per cent to 3.72p. The final dividend has been held at 1.9p, payable on January 6, and this makes an unchanged total of 3.71p for the year which was barely covered by earnings.

North American operating profits fell 45 per cent to £6.4 million, mainly through poor vegetable prices that cut Fisher's average price per case 3 per cent to $12.41. Lettuce and Broccoli fell most, with a case of iceberg lettuce going from an $8.05 average to $5.20.

Fresh Western, the US business it bought in January, lost $2 million in the second half on joint venture contracts with Californian growers.

European operating profits rose 7 per cent to £32.3 million. Seafood profits fell from £10 million to £8.1 million, despite the acquisition of Rahbek, a fish products company. Fisher has sold its UK canning and pickling business for £37 million . Sources close to Fisher said it wants to sell Delby's, its Belgian produce broking business and to expand its US fresh produce distribution via a Chicago acquisition.

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Setback for Sears, Roebuck

BY A CORRESPONDENT

SEARS, Roebuck, the second-largest American retailer, suffered a 6.4 per cent decline in net profits to $363.5 million in the third quarter, from $388.4 million the previous year. Earnings per share decreased to 91 cents, from 98 cents.

Loss provisions of the subsidiary Allstate Corp, an insurance company that re-estimated reimbursements for the Los Angeles earthquake, cut profits by $182.4 million.

Third-quarter sales rose by 3.8 per cent, to $13.21 billion, from $12.72 billion a year ago.

During the first nine months of 1994, Sears's net profit fell by 63.3 per cent, to $769 million, or $1.92 a share, down from $1.83 billion, or $4.73 a share, a year earlier. The cost of insurance claims arising from the earthquake was $677.1 million, the company said.

Sales rose by 6.4 per cent, to $38.48 billion, from $36.17 billion.

Things go better with Coca-Cola

BY A CORRESPONDENT

COCA COLA enjoyed a 20 per cent surge in profits in the third quarter to $708 million, with demand strengthening outside America and a modest upturn in its domestic market. Revenues rose 23.2 per cent to $4.46 billion from $3.6 billion.

Earnings per share in the third quarter rose to 55 cents from 45 cents a year earlier, the sharpest quarterly increase in four years.

World sales of soft drinks increased 13 per cent, three points better than the group had expected, with Egypt leading the charge on sales up 69 per cent. Chinese sales were up 41 per cent and those in Japan rose 26 per cent. On the home front, sales growth was a more modest 6 per cent.

For the first nine months of the year, Coca Cola made a net profit of $1.98 billion, up 16 per cent on the same period of last year, with earnings per share rising to $1.54 from $1.31. Sales rose 15 per cent to $12.1 billion.

Salomon slides to nine-month losses

BY GEORGE SIVELL, ASSISTANT BUSINESS EDITOR

SALOMON Inc, the American banking group, confirmed yesterday that it had suffered a net loss of $104 million for the third quarter of 1994 against net earnings of $20 million in the third quarter of the previous year.

The third quarter loss took the net loss for the first nine months of 1994 to $242 million, against net income of $351 million in 1993.

At Salomon Brothers, the investment banking and securities arm, client driven business plunged from a profit in the previous year's third quarter of $192 million to a loss of $62 million. This, however, was an improvement on the second quarter of 1994.

Salomon said that weakness in underwriting volume and customer trading continued to be adverse. In the first nine months of 1994, client driven business had suffered a pre-tax loss of $526 million against earnings of $805 million for the same period of 1993.

In addition to reduced customer trading volume and underwriting activity, Salomon blames trading losses in US fixed income, European secondary markets and foreign exchange.

Phibro, Salomon Inc's commodities trading business, suffered a pre-tax loss of $27 million in the third quarter, against a loss of $3 million in the third quarter of 1993.

Corporate and other earnings chipped in profits of $31 million in the third quarter, which Salomon said reflected positive results for The Mortgage Corporation, the wholly owned mortgage servicing subsidiary in Britain, and a reduction in the company's environmental reserves. Total assets reached $158 billion as at the end of September.

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Bullish Capel helps put body back into brewers

JAMES Capel, the stockbroker, put some much needed fizz back into shares of the big brewers as it began recommending them to clients. The sector has been under a cloud for some time, with punters spending less at their local during the recession while brewers continue to complain about cheap imported brews from the Continent.

Capel, which has one of those bearish of the sector, yesterday recommended to clients that they should be overweight in the shares. Top of its shopping list is **Scottish & Newcastle**, up 11p at 519p on turnover of almost 1 million shares. Word is that last year's acquisition of the Chef & Brewer chain from Grand Metropolitan is making better returns than anticipated. Speculation is also mounting that S&N is close to completing the acquisition of a 320-strong chain of pub freeholds owned by Inntrepreneur, the troubled joint venture between GrandMet and Courage.

There was also support for **Whitbread**, up 8p at 549p, with help from Lehman Brothers. Gains were also recorded in **Bass**, 5p to 541p, and **Greene King**, 6p to 529p.

The rest of the equity market enjoyed a futures-inspired advance as investors began testing the 3,050 resistance level. At one stage, the FT-SE 100 Index was more than 22 points higher, but that was whittled away by gloomy news from the US indicating that inflation was building up a full head of steam. US housing starts have grown strongly, while the rise in the October Philadelphia Fed Index was also larger than expected. The FT-SE 100 finished a net 2.4 points up on the day, at 3,063.2. Turnover, of 660 million shares, was swollen by a programme trade by NatWest Securities and aimed at the top 100 companies.

Inchcape dropped 9p, to 424p, after UBS, the broker, picked up 3 million shares as part of a bought deal at 422p. They were sold on at 425p.

Compass firmed 2p, to 326p, cheered by a buy recommendation from Hoare Govett.

British Airways rose 8p to 382p after drawing strength from quarterly figures overnight from American Airlines.

Among banks, **Standard Chartered** rose 8p to 277p on a recommendation by Warburg Securities.

It has not been the best of week's for **Eurotunnel**, shares in which have fallen a further 13p to 198p as the press trip on the new Eurostar Channel link train turned to farce. The prestigious £24 million train chosen to make the journey could not even clear the platform. It broke down, and embarrassed officials were forced to call for a replacement, calling into question the reliability of the trains. On Monday, Eurotunnel confirmed that the delay to services through the link would hit revenue forecasts.



Cheerier news for pubs was on tap in the market

Fisons recovered its poise with a rise of 3p, to 116p, after several large institutional sellers completed their business and withdrew. A five-day protected trade, totalling 9.2 million shares and completed overnight at 112p, showed up on traders' screens. There was also a bed-and-breakfast transaction carried out in 7.5 million shares at 106p. The group later announced that Capital Group had increased its holding to 40.3 million shares, or 5.84 per cent.

P&O suffered another setback, falling 12p to 604p, after Nomura, the Japanese securities house, told clients to take profits. It made its move after reports that an inquiry by the European Commission will put the squeeze on container price rates.

Shares of **Azlan Group**, the computer services specialist, dropped 22p to 138p in a thin market amid talk of growing concern about current trading. But a spokesman said the company had no concerns about current trading and pointed to the low turnover in the shares.

Albert Fisher, the fruit and vegetable distributor, slipped 3p to 44p after full-year figures revealed a slow down in underlying profits growth. Pre-tax profits were almost 30 per cent ahead, at £34.8 million, but still some way below market forecasts. Brokers began cutting their profit estimates for the current year. At least one broker has lopped £10 million from his estimate of £48 million.

Amstrad, the consumer electronics group, remained deep in the red last year after stock write-downs and rationalisation costs of almost £11 million. The news came with pre-tax losses of almost £20 million, against a deficit of £20.5 million last time. Turnover was sharply down but the dividend was maintained. The shares slipped 1¾p to 25¼p and remain below the 30p a share previously offered by Alan Sugar, the chairman, when he announced he wanted to take the company private.

The news from Amstrad left **Dixons**, its biggest customer, 7p lower at 194p, as a line of 1 million shares went through the market.

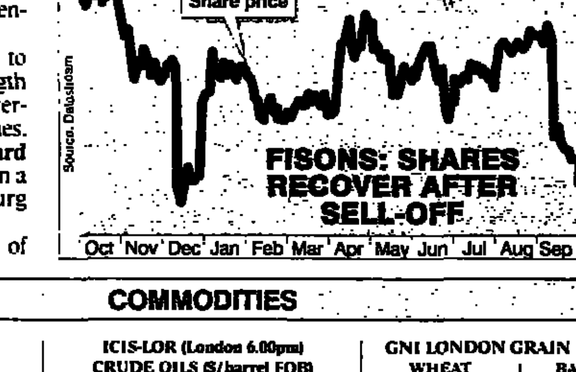
Greater pressure on margins has resulted in deepening losses at **VideoLogic**, 5p off at 22p, after its demerger from Avesco in July. The group is forecasting operating losses of between £3.5 million and £3.8 million in the six months to September.

Upton & Southern fell 1p to 5½p on details of its proposed rescue package, involving the raising of £5.5 million by way of a placing and open offer at 5p a share.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: prices lost ground after a subdued start as investors became concerned about inflationary pressures in the US on the back of the latest economic numbers. The December series of the Long Gilt Index finished £11/32 lower at £101¼ in thin trading that saw only 41,000 contracts traded. In longs, benchmark Treasury 9 per cent 2012 dropped £13/32 to £104, while in shorts, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was £3/16 easier at £103 13/32.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Shares were lower at midday after a survey from the Philadelphia Federal Reserve reignited inflation worries. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 23.88 points at 3,912.16.

HAZLEWOOD Foods, still being tipped as a takeover target for Unigate once it sells its Nutricia stake, firmed 1p to 128p on turnover of 705,000 shares. Brokers said the price belied the fact that one institutional seller earlier in the day had been forced to withdraw after failing to find a buyer for a parcel of 5 million shares.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3912.16 (-23.88)
S&P Composite 467.09 (-3.19)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 19091.90 (+123.03)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 9385.78 (+68.72)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index 403.37 (-0.64)

Sydney:
AO 2016.3 (+3.0)

Frankfurt:
DAX 2069.95 (+18.79)

Singapore:
Straits 2382.25 (+18.14)

Brussels:
General 7210.05 (+9.12)

Paris:
CAC-40 1867.37 (-8.94)

Zurich:
SKA Gen 645.30 (-0.30)

London:
FT 30 2356.2 (-0.8)
FT 100 3063.2 (+2.4)
FT-SE Mid 250 3524.9 (+3.7)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 1324.22 (+2.01)
FT A All-Share 1525.58 (+1.19)
FT Non Financials 1647.50 (+0.14)
FT Gold Mines 283.2 (-1.6)
FT Fixed Interest 108.31 (-0.24)
FT Govt Secs 91.30 (-0.30)
Bargains 23005
SEAQ Volume 660.3m
USM (Datastrm) 157.37 (+0.06)
US$ 1.6192 (+0.0004)
German Mark 2.4317 (+0.0019)
Exchange Index 80.2 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.2696
£:SDR 1.0862
RPI 145.0 Sep (2.2%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

APTA Health Wts	4½	...
Artesian Estates	70	...
Compel (125)	112	...
Cont'l Foods Wts	1¼	...
Ennemix (63)	67	...
Games Workshop (115)	126	...
Group Dv Cap Wts	29	-1
Hambros Sml Asian	60	...
Hambros Smlr As Wts	28	...
Mackie Intnl (180)	181	...
Man ED & F (180)	169	...
Servisair (135)	149	+9
Templeton Emerg New	368	-1
Templeton Emerg Wts	191	-2
Whitchurch	58	...
Wrexham Water	340	...
Wrexham Water NV	320	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

APTA Healthcare n/p (17)	¼	...
Castles n/p (118)	11	+1½
Dragon Oil n/p (Ir4p)	¼	...
Reckitt & Clmn n/p (500)	60	...
Sidlaw n/p (180)	11	...
Smurfit (J) n/p (Ir330p)	47	-1
World of Leather n/p (75)	1½	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Scot & Newcastle ... 519p (+11p)
Adam & Harvey ... 488p (+10p)
British Biotech ... 598p (+35p)
Ferguson Int ... 331p (+23p)
Abbott Mead ... 344p (+10p)

FALLS:
Ranger ... 385p (-10p)
Azlan ... 128p (-32p)
Jermyn ... 140p (-15p)

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TEMPUS

Consumed electronics

ALAN Sugar describes his role at Amstrad over the past three years as that of a receiver, transforming outdated inventories into cash. He claims, not without reason, that he has carried out the job rather more effectively than the big-name accountants and "Hooray Henry consultants" he so despises.

Amstrad has moved away from producing high-volume, low-margin consumer electronics while allowing Mr Sugar's arch-enemy, Stanley Kalms at Dixons, to take all the profits. The group is increasingly resembling a clutch of "boffin businesses" operating independently but all owned by a small holding company. As witness this, in the current year the profits from Viglen, bought in July, and the first rewards from Dancall, bought a year ago, will swamp the losses from the consumer electronics side, the original core business, putting the group back into profit. Also sitting on the periphery is the Betacom phone business, where Amstrad has 66 per cent. Any further acquisitions paid for from Amstrad's huge cash pile will similarly have to be stand-alones.

The question remains just how long Amstrad will persevere with consumer electronics, now down to a size where it could shortly be breaking even. Add together the cash in the business and fixed assets, and the 26p share price looks pretty close to the minimum worth, even disregarding stocks. If one of the new ventures, be it Dancall's portable phones, the bubble jet printer or the projected home office, really takes off, the upside is considerable. But the constraint on the share price remains the mutal antipathy between the City and Mr Sugar.

Albert Fisher

STEPHEN Walls and his team have struggled heroically to knock sense into Albert Fisher. Out have gone peripheral businesses, such as motor trading, and the group has recycled the proceeds to flesh out its diverse spread of fresh food businesses and to expand into value-added areas, such a pre-cut vegetables. Last week's sale of the canning and pickle business usefully degeared the balance sheet.

Try as it might, however, the group cannot escape the violent cyclicality of fresh food prices. The slump in produce prices in America last year, when the cost of an iceburg lettuce plunged more than a third, knocked a $7 million hole in group profits. Each year a glut of produce in one business or region prevents the group firing on all cylinders. Investors are tiring of the roller-coaster ride and cannot be pleased that Mr Walls has invested the cash from April's rights issue in two businesses, Rahbek and Fresh Western, that have so far contributed little to the bottom line. Nor can they be delighted that he is asking for permission to buy back Fisher's shares now they are 8p lower than the 52p rights price.

A solid yield of 10.5 per cent shows how far the shares have fallen out of favour, and that alone suggests they are due for an upturn. Long term, the group's questionable quality of earnings will continue to dog the share price.



IBM

IBM has confounded all the doomsters who dug its grave last year. The computer group is bouncing back at a speed that defies its size. As chairman Louis Gerstner put it, the elephant is dancing.

Mr Gerstner has burnt off IBM's fat at an impressive speed. Expenses have shrunk by 13 per cent since a year ago and this in turn has unleashed the group's underlying cash generation, allowing it to cut net debt by $3 billion since the start of the year.

Even more important, the third-quarter figures showed a strong upturn in revenues. Group turnover increased almost 9 per cent with double-digit growth in both Europe and Asia-Pacific. Sales in the key mainframe business increased for the first time in more than two years. That removes fears that cost-cutting would result in Big Blue becoming Small Blue. Instead, IBM is showing it can channel more product through a leaner organisation.

IBM must still improve on its lamentable 4.6 per cent net profit margin. That will depend on the success of new products, particularly the Aptiva pcs and the PowerPC microprocessors. But the most devastating blow the group could deliver to the competition is further collaboration with Apple. Reports that it wants to take an equity stake are not going away. An IBM/Apple alliance would be unassailable in the world computer market.

Upton & Southern

THE saga of the Reject Shop's missing stock is a useful reminder to investors that buying a secondhand company is even more perilous than purchasing a used car without a road test by the AA. Most corporate acquisitions are agreed with little more due diligence than a review of the management accounts and a tour of the premises, while security for the investor is provided by scarcely watertight warranties from the vendors.

Whether Upton & Southern's claims against the Reject Shop directors succeed is of little importance to Upton's shareholders who, having accepted the Reject Shop revival story at 30p in March, are now being asked to back it again at 5p or accept massive dilution.

The 18-month record gives little guide to the future. The Upton business is said to be trading profitably from its three department stores but there is not much to substantiate the argument that the Reject Shop's problems can be solved with extra cash. Upton sees a gap in the high street appearing as Habitat moves upmarket, but cheap and cheerful furnishings have a powerful out-of-town competitor called Ikea.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	954-953	Mar	1057-1054
Mar	984-982	May	1062-1060
May	995-994	Jul	1075-1060
Jul	1008-1007	Sep	1088-1070
Sep	1020-1019		
Dec	1035-1034		Volume: 2096

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	3790-3785	Jul	3630-3615
Jan	3770-3765	Sep	3640-3600
Mar	3700-3695	Nov	3640-3600
May	3680-3665		Volume: 2760

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	336.5-35.0
Spot 355.50		Oct	316.0-13.0
Dec	348.0-47.2	Dec	315.8-11.0
Mar	341.2-40.2	Mar	317.8-10.5
May	339.5-38.5		Volume: 1366

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(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	74.64	91.01	116.41
(+/-)	-0.47	-1.07	-0.41
Eng/Wales:	74.64	91.01	116.41
(+/-)	-0.47	+1.09	-0.31
(%)	-16.0	-22.0	+31.0
Scotland:	unq	91.19	121.45
(+/-)		-1.05	-0.54
(%)		-1.0	+12.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.55	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Nov)	16.70	+0.40
Brent 15 day (Dec)	16.50	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	17.55	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	17.65	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 180 (+5)	O: 182 (+5)
Gasoil EEC	153 (+2)	154 (+2)
Non EEC IH Nov	155 (+3)	157 (+3)
Non EEC IH Dec	156 (+2)	159 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	93 (+2)	95 (+2)
Naphtha	171 (n/c)	173 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Nov	152.25-52.50	Feb	156.00-56.25
Dec	154.00-54.25	Mar	156.00-56.25
Jan	155.50-55.75		Vol: 19139

BRENT (6.00pm)

Dec	16.47-16.48	Mar	unq
Jan	16.38-16.39	Apr	...
Feb	16.31 BID		Vol: 23853

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	105.00	Nov	101.65
Jan	107.05	Jan	104.35
Mar	109.10	Mar	106.45
May	111.10	May	108.40
Jul	112.65	Sep	93.25
Volume: 184		Volume: 11	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	150.0
Apr	217.0	215.8
May	unq	240.0
		Volume: 66

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)
Nov 85.00-85.50

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 94	1850	1840	1840
Nov 94	1845	1790	1770
Dec 94	1765	1700	1705
Jan 95	1735	1670	1680

Vol. 275 lots Open Interest: 3139
Index 1851 +4

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2594.5-2595.0	2591.0-2592.0	2061650
Lead ($/tonne)	661.00-662.00	670.00-671.00	174125
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1072.0-1072.5	1092.0-1092.5	812750
Tin ($/tonne)	5560.0-5565.0	5635.0-5640.0	26130
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1753.0-1754.0	1772.0-1772.5	1281250
Nickel ($/tonne)	6945.0-6950.0	7050.0-7055.0	110136

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Dom.	540	51	—	—	1	—	—
(*569)	589	7½	—	—	8	—	—
Argyll	260	13	22	29	1½	12½	16½
(*270)	280	3	12	19	12½	23	27½
ASDA	60	4	6	8½	1	4	5½
(*62½)	70	1	2½	4½	8½	10	11½
Boots	500	34	43	56	1	8½	16½
(*531½)	550	2	16	29	21	35	40½
Br Airways	360	24½	35	46	1	12	17
(*382)	390	3½	18	30½	11½	26	31½
BP	390	16	28	37½	1½	12½	14
(*402½)	420	2	13	21	19	29	34
Br Steel	140	20	22½	28	1	3½	5
(*158½)	160	3	10	16½	4½	10	13
C & W	390	34	37½	49	1½	15	22½
(*409)	420	3½	22½	34½	14	30	36½
CU	493	42½	55	60½	1	7	16½
(*532)	543	2½	23½	32	15	27½	42
ICI	800	29	57	70½	3	21½	41½
(*822½)	850	2½	30	45	31	48	68
Kingfishr	460	24	42½	55½	1½	13½	22½
(*480½)	500	2½	19	35½	22	33	42
Land Sec	600	22	33½	45½	2	15½	18½
(*618½)	650	1	11	22	34	45½	47
M & S	420	7½	22½	33	3½	16	21½
(*424)	460	1	6½	15½	37½	43	46
Nat West	460	41	54	62½	1	9	21½
(*497)	500	7	26½	38½	8½	25	39½
Sainsbury	390	12	27	38½	4	18½	23
(*396½)	420	1½	13½	24½	26	34	39½
Shell	700	12	34	44	6	16½	32½
(*705½)	750	1	12	21	47	59½	64
Smid Bch	420	7½	23½	31½	5½	21½	27½
(*421)	460	1	9	16	40½	48	52½
Storehse	200	21½	24	30	1	4	8
(*218½)	220	4	13	18	4½	12	17
Trafalgar	90	8	11	13½	1½	4	6
(*96)	100	1½	6	8	5½	9	11½
Unilever	1100	46½	69½	86½	2½	21½	36
(*1139)	1150	6½	39	57	19	44	60½
Zeneca	800	40	60½	77	1½	18½	32
(*835½)	850	5½	36½	49	20½	41½	57
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met.	390	33½	41½	48	4	14½	17
(*414½)	420	12½	24	32	15½	28½	31½
Ladbroke	140	18½	24	27	2	5	9
(*154)	160	5½	12½	16½	10½	14	18½
Utd Bisc	300	14	25	29½	7½	12½	22
(*304)	330	3½	12½	16	29	31	41

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
BAA	500	12	25½	37	4	16½	21
(*507)	525	2	14	24½	22½	30½	34½
Thames W	500	26½	36	40	1½	16½	21½
(*522½)	550	1½	13	26	29½	44½	49
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	420	29½	42	51	6	13	24
(*440½)	460	7½	19½	29	25½	33½	46
BTR	300	10	25½	30½	6	11½	18½
(*307½)	330	3½	12	17	25½	29½	36½
Br Aero	460	36½	54½	63½	15½	26½	35½
(*478)	500	17	35½	44½	37	48½	57½
Br Telcm	390	12	18	26	9½	19½	33½
(*390½)	420	2½	7½	14	32	41	43
Cadbury	420	29½	41½	46½	4	9	17½
(*442)	460	7	19½	25½	24½	28½	38½
Guinness	460	14½	29	36	8	16½	25½
(*463)	500	2½	12½	18	39	42½	50
GEC	280	9½	16	22	7	13½	16½
(*281)	300	2½	7½	13½	20½	25½	27½
Hanson	220	12	15½	19	4½	10½	14
(*225½)	240	3	6½	10½	16½	22	25
LASMO	134	21½	—	—	2	—	—
(*152)	154	6½	—	—	8	—	—
Lucas	180	19½	25½	29	2½	6	9½
(*194½)	200	6½	12	18	10	15	19
Pilkingtn	190	15½	18½	24½	3	7	9½
(*191)	200	4½	8	14½	13	18	21
Prudential	300	17½	27	30½	5½	11	18½
(*309½)	330	4	13	16	23	27½	36
Redland	460	21	38	46	10½	19½	33½
(*467½)	500	5½	19½	27½	37½	43	58½
Royal Ins	280	14½	24	30½	9½	17	23½
(*262)	300	6	15	22	23	28½	35
Tesco	220	19	25½	30½	3	6½	12
(*233½)	240	7	14	19½	12	17	21½
Vodafone	200	13½	19½	25	5	11	14½
(*217)	217	5	11½	—	14½	20	—
Williams	325	21½	—	—	4	—	—
(*339½)	354	5½	—	—	19	—	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3060½)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Oct	113	64	20	2½	1½	1½
Nov	145	108	76	49	31	18
Dec	172	137	107	79	58	40
Jan	197	163	134	105	83	63
Jun	—	238	—	181	—	136
Puts						
Oct	1½	2	7	43	93	143
Nov	25	34	57	82	114	153
Dec	48	63	84	109	137	171
Jan	64	80	101	124	152	183
Jun	—	130	—	173	—	230

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat.	390	34	42½	46	7½	17	23
(*410½)	420	15	25½	30½	20½	32½	38
Amstrad	25	3	4	4½	2½	3½	4
(*25½)	30	1	2	3	6	7	7½
Barclays	550	39	53	60½	13	26	33½
(*569)	600	14	27½	37	39½	53½	61
Blue Circ	280	19½	27½	34	9	14	24
(*281)	300	9½	17½	24½	20½	24½	35
Br Gas	280	17½	25½	30	7½	13	18½
(*296½)	300	7½	15½	20½	18	22½	29½
Dixons	180	21½	26	30½	5½	11	13½
(*193)	200	10½	15	20½	14½	21	24
Forte	220	22½	29	32½	4½	8	13
(*234½)	240	10½	17	21½	13	16½	23
Hillsdwn	160	17	22	24½	4	6½	11
(*173½)	180	6	11½	14	14	16½	22½
Lonrho	130	11½	15½	18½	6	11	12½
(*133½)	140	6½	11	14	12	16½	18
Sears	100	12	14½	16	2	4½	6
(*107½)	110	5½	9	11	6	9	12
Thrn Eml.	950	70	82	109	11½	26½	34
(*997)	1000	37	53	77	29½	47½	55½
Tomkins	210	19½	25½	31	5	8½	12
(*212)	220	8½	15	21	14	19	22
TSB	220	15½	20½	24½	7½	15	17½
(*224)	240	6½	11	15½	20½	27	30
Wellcome	650	41½	62	74½	28	42	54
(*656½)	700	19½	39	52	57½	69½	81½
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo	550	44	63½	74	1	14	27½
(*589½)	600	5½	33½	46½	15½	35	51½
HSBC	700	27	59½	73	4½	28½	51½
(*720)	750	3½	35	49½	33½	55½	80
Reuter	462½	9½	—	—	6	—	—
(*464½)	475	4	—	—	14	—	—
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
R-Royce	160	21	26	29	2	4½	8
(*177)	180	7	14	17½	9	13	17
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	110	13	17½	19½	6	8½	11
(*115½)	120	8	12	15	12	14½	16
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastern Gp	700	51	70½	86	10½	26½	35½
(*737)	750	21	42½	60½	31½	49	59½
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	460	36½	48	59	11	18	27½
(*484)	500	15½	27	36½	31	37½	47
Scot Pwr	330	37	45½	53	7	16	19
(*355½)	360	19	29	38	20½	30	34

October 20, 1994 Tot: 40436 Call: 19353 Put: 21083 FT-SE Call: 9382 Put: 14937
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 94	3081.0	3107.0	3056.0	3073.0	11348
Previous open interest: 58868	Mar 95				3095.5	0
Three Month Sterling	Dec 94	93.52	93.52	93.48	93.49	16142
Previous open interest: 476442	Mar 95	92.71	92.71	92.64	92.67	17498
	Jun 95	92.12	92.12	92.06	92.09	6730
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 94	94.08	94.08	94.08	94.03	45
Previous open interest: 4302	Mar 95	93.67	93.67	93.65	93.58	25
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 94	94.80	94.85	94.79	94.84	27468
Previous open interest: 638409	Mar 95	94.49	94.56	94.49	94.55	32216
Long Gilt	Dec 94	101-20	101-22	101-00	101-08	42216
Previous open interest: 93849	Mar 95	100-12	100-12	100-12	100-11	1
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 94	107.37	107.40	107.30	107.36	1644
	Mar 95	106.66	106.66	106.62	106.61	62
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 94	90.40	90.59	90.13	90.34	108393
Previous open interest: 183310	Mar 95	89.70	89.75	89.70	89.55	144
German Gov Bd Bobl	Dec 94					
open interest: 0						
Three month ECU	Dec 94	93.83	93.86	93.83	93.85	1151
Previous open interest: 21203	Mar 95	93.41	93.45	93.40	93.42	1302
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 94	95.74	95.80	95.74	95.78	2877
Previous open interest: 44524	Mar 95	95.43	95.50	95.42	95.46	1790
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 94	99.50	99.68	99.28	99.45	22546
Previous open interest: 64821	Mar 95	98.86	98.86	98.55	98.67	559

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 5½ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5½ ; 3 mth 5¾ . Sell: 2 mth 5 7/16 ; 3 mth: 5¾ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5 11/16-5 9/16	5 13/16-5½	5⅞-5 13/16	6¼-6	
Sterling Money Rates:	5½-5 7/16	5 27/32-5 11/16	5 31/32-5 15/16	6¼-6⅛	7¼-7⅛
Interbank:	5½-5¼	5 11/16-5 9/16	5 15/16-5 13/16	6⅜-6¼	7¼-7⅛

Overnight: open 5¾, close 5 .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5⅝	n/a	5⅞	6½	7⅛
Sterling CDs:	5 11/16-5 9/16	5 27/32-5¾	5 31/32-5⅞	6⅜-6¼	7⅛-7
Dollar CDs:	4.95	n/a	5.50	5.78	6.34
Building Society CDs:	5½-5 7/16	5¾-5 11/16	5 15/16-5 13/16	6⅜-6 5/16	7¼-7 3/16

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Aug 31, 1994 Agreed rates Sep 26, 1994 to Oct 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.82%. Reference rate July 30, 1994 to Aug 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.578%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	4¾-4⅝	5-4⅞	5⅜-5¼	5 15/16-5 13/16	4½-3½
Deutschemark:	4⅞-4¾	4 15/16-4⅞	5⅛-5 1/16	5⅝-5½	5-4
French Franc:	5 9/16-5 7/16	5⅝-5½	5¾-5½	5⅞-5¾	5⅝-4⅞
Swiss Franc:	3 11/16-3 9/16	3⅞-3 13/16	4⅛-4	4⅜-4 5/16	4½-3½
Yen:	2¼-2	2⅜-2¼	2½-2⅜	2¾-2⅝	2½-1½

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $390.60-391.00 Close: $390.50-391.00 High: $391.75-392.25
Low: $389.50-390.00 AM: $390.55 PM: $391.55

Krugerrand: $390.00-392.00 (£240.50-242.50)

Platinum: $424.10 (£261.95) Silver: $5.40 (£3.335) Palladium: $156.25 (£96.50)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 20	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7226-2.7302	2.7261-2.7296	¼-⅛pr	⅝-½pr
Brussels	49.99-50.19	50.08-50.19	4-1pr	14-5pr
Copenhagen	9.4990-9.5420	9.5170-9.5320	⅛-⅜ds	¾-1¼ds
Dublin	1.0103-1.0146	1.0119-1.0146	4ds-par	9-4pr
Frankfurt	2.4285-2.4370	2.4327-2.4360	⅛pr-par	⅝-½pr
Lisbon	248.58-249.65	248.90-249.55	82-89ds	245-264ds
Madrid	202.27-202.82	202.52-202.82	33-41ds	94-113ds
Milan	2476.90-2488.40	2484.30-2488.40	5-7ds	16-20ds
Montreal	2.1912-2.1992	2.1961-2.1992	0.14-0.08pr	0.25-0.15pr
New York	1.6186-1.6220	1.6210-1.6220	0.09-0.07pr	0.16-0.14pr
Oslo	10.5710-10.6110	10.5920-10.6080	⅛-⅜ds	1⅛-2⅛ds
Paris	8.3220-8.3510	8.3370-8.3510	⅛-⅛pr	⅝-⅜pr
Stockholm	11.5970-11.6790	11.5970-11.6210	1¼-2⅛ds	6¼-7¼ds
Tokyo	157.44-158.38	157.54-157.81	⅝-½pr	1½-1¼pr
Vienna	17.0900-17.1600	17.1100-17.1500	1⅛-⅝pr	4⅛-3⅛pr
Zurich	2.0151-2.0240	2.0205-2.0235	½-¼pr	1-⅝pr

Source: Extel — Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3563-1.3572
Austria	10.56-10.57
Belgium (Com)	30.89-30.90
Canada	1.3540-1.3545
Denmark	5.8720-5.8750
France	5.1472-5.1482
Germany	1.5007-1.5012
Hong Kong	7.7265-7.7275
Ireland	1.5994-1.6009
Italy	1530.00-1531.00
Japan	97.30-97.40
Malaysia	2.5480-2.5490
Netherlands	1.6811-1.6816
Norway	6.5220-6.5250
Portugal	153.44-153.54
Singapore	1.4732-1.4742
Spain	124.82-124.92
Sweden	7.1646-7.1721
Switzerland	1.2425-1.2435

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6173-1.6200
Australia dollar	2.1995-2.2031
Bahrain dinar	0.6045-0.6165
Brazil real*	1.3890-1.4230
Cyprus pound	0.736-0.746
Finland markka	7.4320-7.5480
Greece drachma	370.50-377.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.5247-12.5301
India rupee	50.24-51.20
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4755-0.4855
Malaysia ringgit	4.1295-4.1337
Mexico peso	5.46-5.56
New Zealand dollar	2.6435-2.6473
Pakistan rupee	49.08 buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.0095-6.1355
Singapore dollar	2.3881-2.3912
S Africa rand (fin)	6.3496-6.4022
S Africa rand (com)	5.7219-5.7304
U A E dirham	5.8855-6.0095

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	377	Legal & Gn	758
ASDA Gp	2,700	Lloyds Bk	3,100
Abbey Natl	4,000	MEPC	1,400
Allied Dom	2,500	Marks Spr	4,700
Argyll Gp	3,800	NatWst Bk	3,700
Arjo Wiggn	1,200	Nat Power	2,000
AB Foods	489	Nth Wst W	117
BAA	2,100	P & O	2,600
BAT Inds	5,500	Pearson	1,700
BOC	896	PowerGen	393
BP	7,200	Prudential	4,000
BTR	13,000	RMC	436
BT	5,100	RTZ	3,300
Bk of Scot	2,400	Rank Org	1,600
Barclays	5,500	Reckitt Col	2,300
Bass	2,300	Redland	1,100
Blue Circle	1,200	Reed Intl	1,400
Boots	1,900	Rentokil	2,300
Bowater	1,100	Reuters	3,400
Brit Aero	689	Rolls Royce	2,400
Brit Airwys	2,300	Ryl Ins	1,600
Brit Gas	7,600	Ryl Bk Scot	1,300
Brit Steel	4,900	Sainsbury	2,400
Burmah Cstl	158	Schroders	77
Cable Wire	5,100	Scot & New	929
Cadbury	1,900	Scot Power	2,500
Caradon	3,100	Sears	2,700
Carlton Cms	1,400	Svrn Trent	1,000
Cm Union	1,300	Shell Trans	2,800
Courtaulds	2,000	Siebe	1,100
De La Rue	1,500	SmKl Bch	2,700
Eastern Elec	262	Smith Nph	3,300
Enterpr Oil	1,100	Sthern Elec	271
Forte	2,400	Std Chartd	4,200
GKN	1,000	Sun Allnce	1,100
GRE	640	TI Gp	916
GUS	1,300	TSB	3,500
Gen Acc	128	Tesco	2,900
Gen Elec	14,000	Thames W	2,000
Glaxo	4,300	Thrn EMI	853
Granada	3,800	Tomkins	3,700
Grand Met	2,600	Unilever	1,200
Guinness	997	Utd Bisc	4,400
HSBC	7,100	Vodafone	10,000
Hanson	6,800	Warburg (SG)	545
ICI	881	Wellcome	2,000
Inchcape	7,600	Whitbread	574
Kingfisher	2,000	Wilms Hld	1,500
Ladbroke	2,800	Wolseley	677
Land Secs	1,000	Zeneca	5,000

WALL STREET

	Oct 20 midday	Oct 19 close
AMP Inc	76¼	78¼
AMR Corp	53¼	53⅝
AT & T	54⅞	53⅞
Abbott Labs	30⅞	31½
Aetna Life	47⅞	47⅞
Ahmanson (HF)	19⅛	19⅞
Air Prod & Chem	46⅛	46
Albertson's	29⅞	29⅞
Alcan Alumnm	28	27⅞
Alco Standard	58⅞	59
Allied Signal	34⅛	35⅞
Alum Co of Am	89⅞	88⅞
Amax Gold Inc	7½	7⅝
Amerada Hess	47⅞	48
Amer Brands	35	35⅛
Amer Cyanamid	99⅞	98⅞
Amer El Power	31⅛	31⅛
Amer Express	30⅛	30⅞
Amer Genl Corp	26⅛	26⅛
Amer Home Pr	62⅞	62⅞
Amer Intl	91⅛	91⅛
Amer Stores	26⅛	26⅛
Ameritech	39⅞	40⅛
Amoco	59⅞	59⅞
Anheuser-Busch	51⅛	52
Apple Computer	41	41⅛
Archer Daniels	27⅛	27½
Armco	6⅛	6⅛
Armstrng Wrld	43⅛	43⅛
Asarco	33⅞	33⅛
Ashland Oil	37⅞	37⅛
Atl Richfield	101⅛	102⅞
Auto Data Pro	57⅞	57⅞
Avery Dennison	34⅞	35
Avon Products	60	60⅞
Baker Hughes	19⅞	19⅞
Baltim Gas & El	23	23⅞
Banc One	27⅞	27⅞
BankAmerica	44⅞	45⅞
Bank of NY	30⅞	30⅞
Bankers Tr NY	65⅞	67
Barnett Banks	42⅞	43
Bausch & Lomb	32⅛	33⅞
Baxter Intl	27⅞	27⅞
Bectn Dickinsn	47⅞	47½
Bell Atlantic	50⅞	52⅛
BellSouth	54⅞	55⅛
Black & Decker	22⅞	22⅞
Block (H&R)	46⅛	46⅞
Boeing	44⅛	44
Boise Cascade	27⅞	26⅛
Borden Inc	13⅞	13⅞
Bristol Myrs Sq	58	58⅞
Browning Ferris	31⅛	32⅞
Brunswick	20⅞	21⅛
Burlington Nthn	48⅞	48⅞
CBS	60⅞	60⅞
CNA Financial	61	61⅛
CPC Intl	52	52⅞
CSX	69⅞	69⅞
Campbell Soup	40⅞	40⅞
Can Pacific	16⅛	16⅛
Cpti Cities ABC	76⅞	77
Carolina Pwr	26	26⅞
Caterpillar	55⅞	56⅛
Central & SW	22⅞	23⅞
Champion Intl	38⅞	39
Chase Manhat	35⅞	36
Chemical Bk	36⅞	37⅞
Chevron Corp	42⅞	42⅞
Chrysler	47⅞	47⅞
Chubb Corp	70⅞	71½
Cigna Corp	63⅛	64⅞
Citicorp	45⅛	45⅞
Clorox	54	54⅞
Coastal Corp	27⅞	27⅞
Coca Cola	49⅞	50⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	59⅞	60⅞
Columbia Gas	28⅛	28⅞
Compaq Comp	37⅞	36⅞
Comp Ass Intl	49⅞	48⅞
Conagra	31⅛	31⅛
Cons Edison	24⅞	25⅞
Cons Nat Gas	37	37⅞
Cons Rail	51⅛	51⅛
Cooper Inds	39	39⅞
Corning Inc	33⅞	34⅛
Crown Cork	38⅞	40
Dana Corp	25⅞	26⅛
Dayton Hudson	80⅞	81⅛
Deere	71⅛	71½
Delta Air Lines	46⅞	47⅞
Deluxe Corp	29⅞	30⅞
Detroit Edison	25⅞	26⅛
Digital Equip	31⅛	31⅛
Dillard Dept St	26⅞	26⅛
Disney (Walt)	38⅞	38⅞
Dominion Res	37⅞	37⅞
Donelley (RR)	31⅞	32⅞
Dover Corp	56	56⅞
Dow Chemical	74⅞	75⅞
Dow Jones	30⅞	30⅞
Dresser	20⅞	20⅞
Duke Power	38⅞	38⅞
Dun & Bradstreet	58⅞	57⅞
Du Pont	59⅞	59⅞
Eastman Kodak	49⅛	49⅞
Eaton Corp	48⅞	47⅞
Emerson Elec	62⅞	62⅞
Engelhard Corp	23⅞	24

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Enron Corp	30⅞	31⅛
Entergy	24	24⅛
Ethyl Corp	11⅛	11⅛
Exxon	59⅞	59⅞
FMC Corp	62⅞	62⅞
FPL Group	32½	32⅞
Federal Express	64⅞	65⅞
Fed Nat Mtge	77⅞	77⅞
First Chicago	48	47⅞
First Interstate	80	81⅛
First Union Rlty	7⅛	7⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	34⅛	36⅛
Fluor Corp	47⅞	47⅛
Ford Motor	29⅞	29⅞
GTE Corp	30⅞	30⅞
Gannett	49⅞	49⅞
Gap Inc Del	35	34⅞
Gen Dynamics	43⅛	44⅛
Gen Electric	49⅞	50⅞
Gen Mills	56⅞	57⅞
Gen Motors	45⅞	46⅞
Gen Reinsurance	109⅞	109⅞
Gen Signal	36	34⅛
Genuine Parts	36⅛	36⅛
Georgia Pac	76⅞	77⅞
Gillette	73⅞	74⅛
Glaxo ADR	19⅞	19
Goodrich (BF)	44⅛	44⅛
Goodyear Tire	35⅞	36
Grace (WR)	40	40½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	25⅞	26⅞
Great Wstn Fin	18⅞	19
Halliburton	31⅛	32
Harcourt General	35⅞	35⅞
Heinz (HJ)	36⅞	37
Hercules	102⅞	103⅞
Hershey Foods	46½	46½
Hewlett Packard	92⅞	92⅞
Hilton Hotels	60⅞	59⅞
Home Depot	43⅞	44⅛
Homestake Mng	20⅞	20⅞
Honeywell	33⅞	34⅞
Household Intl	35	36⅛
Houston Inds	34⅞	35⅞
Humana	23⅞	23⅞
ITT Corp	84⅛	84⅞
Illinois Tool	42⅞	42⅞
Illinova	19⅞	19⅞
INCO	30⅞	29⅞
Ingersoll Rand	34⅞	35
Inland Steel	36	36⅛
Intel Corp	60⅞	60
IBM	74⅛	75⅞
Intl Flav & Fr	41	41⅛
Intl Paper	78⅞	79⅞
James River Va	22⅞	22⅞
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	54⅛	54⅛
Kellogg	57⅞	58⅞
Kerr-McGee	45⅞	45⅞
Kimberly-Clark	52⅞	57⅞
Kmart	16	16
Knight-Ridder	51	51⅛
Lilly (Eli)	59⅞	59⅞
Limited Inc	18⅛	18⅞
LIN Brdcstng	136	136⅛
Lincoln Nat	35⅞	35⅞
Litton	36⅛	36⅞
Liz Claiborne	23⅞	24
Lockheed	69⅞	71
Louisiana Pac	30⅞	31
MCI Comm	24	24⅛
Marriott Int	29⅛	29⅞
Marsh & McLnn	77⅞	77⅞
Masco Corp	24⅛	24⅛
May Dept St	37⅞	37⅞
Maytag Corp	15⅞	16
McDonalds	27⅞	27⅞
McDonnell D	126⅛	127⅛
McGraw Hill	74⅛	74⅛
Mead Corp	49⅞	49⅞
Medtronic	55	54⅛
Mellon Bk	56⅛	56⅞
Melville Corp	34⅛	34⅛
Merck Inc	35⅞	35⅞
Merrill Lynch	35⅞	36½
Minnesota Mine	50⅞	50⅞
Mobil Corp	80⅞	81⅛
Monsanto	77⅞	76⅞
Morgan (JP)	60⅞	61
Motorola Inc	56	56⅛
Natl Medical	14⅛	14⅛
Natl Semi	15⅛	15⅛
Natl Service Ind	26⅛	26⅞
Navistar Int	12⅞	12⅛
NBD Bancorp	29⅞	30
NY Times A	22⅞	22⅞
Newmont Mng	43⅞	42⅞
Niag Mohawk	13⅞	13⅞
Nike B	61⅛	60⅞
NL Industries	11	10⅞
Noram Energy	6⅛	6⅛
Nordstrom	45⅞	47
Norfolk Sthn	63⅛	64
Nthn State Pwr	44	43⅞
Norwest Corp	24⅞	24⅞
Nynex Corp	38⅞	38⅞
Occidental Pet	20⅞	21⅛
Ohio Edison	18⅛	18
Oracle Systems	44⅞	45⅞
Oryx Energy Co	14⅞	14⅞

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Owens Corning	32⅞	32⅞
PNC Financial	24½	24⅞
PPG Industries	39⅞	39⅞
Paccar Inc	42⅞	42⅞
Pacificorp	16⅛	16⅛
Pac Enterprises	20⅞	20⅞
Pac Gas & Elect	22⅞	22½
Pac Telesis	30⅞	31
Pall Corp	18	18⅛
Panhandle East	22⅞	22⅞
Parker Hannifin	44⅞	44⅞
Peco Energy	25⅞	25⅛
Penney (JC)	51	51½
Pennzoil	48⅞	48⅞
Pepsico	34⅞	34⅞
Pfizer	71⅛	72⅞
Phelps Dodge	63⅞	63⅞
Philip Morris	62	62
Phillips Pet	34⅛	34⅞
Pitney Bowes	35⅞	36⅞
Polaroid	33⅞	33⅞
PriceCostco	16	16⅞
Procter & Gmbl	63⅞	64⅛
Providian	31⅛	31⅛
Pub Serv E & G	26⅛	26⅞
Quaker Oats	74⅞	75⅞
Ralston Purina	41⅛	42
Raychem Corp	39⅞	39⅞
Raytheon	60⅞	61⅛
Reebok Intl	39⅞	38⅞
Reynolds Metals	58⅞	58⅞
Roadway Srvcs	56⅞	57
Rockwell Intl	35⅞	36⅛
Rohm & Haas	60⅞	61
Royal Dutch	112⅞	113⅞
Rubbermaid	27	26⅞
Safeco Corp	50⅞	51⅛
St Paul's Cos	41⅛	42⅞
Salomon Inc	38⅞	38⅞
Santa Fe Pac	14⅛	15⅞
Sara Lee Corp	22⅞	23
Scecorp	13⅞	13⅛
Schering Plough	71	70⅞
Schlumberger	54⅞	54⅞
Scott Paper	61⅛	62⅞
Seagram	30⅞	31
Sears Roebuck	47⅞	48⅞
Shell Trans	68⅞	69⅞
Sherwin Wlms	32⅞	32⅞
Skyline Corp	21⅛	21⅛
Snap-On-Tools	30⅞	32
Southern Co	19⅞	19⅞
Stwestern Bell	40⅞	41⅛
Sprint Corp	37⅞	37⅞
Stanley Works	40	40⅞
Sun Company	30⅞	30⅞
Sun Microsys	31⅛	33
Suntrust	49	49⅞
Supervalu	24⅞	25
Sysco Corp	24⅞	24⅞
TRW Inc	72⅞	73⅞
TCC Inds	[illegible]	2⅞
Tandem Comp	18⅞	18⅞
Tandy Corp	44⅞	44
Teledyne	16⅞	16⅞
Temple Inland	52	52⅞
Tenneco	43⅞	44⅛
Texaco	63⅞	63⅞
Texas Inst	70	70
Texas Utilities	32⅞	32⅞
Textron	50	49⅞
Time Warner	35⅞	36⅞
Times-Mirror	33	33
Timken	36⅛	36⅞
Torchmark	41⅛	41⅛
Toys R Us	38⅛	38⅛
Transamerica	48⅞	48⅞
Travelers	33⅞	33⅞
Tribune	52⅞	52⅞
Tyco Labs	49⅞	49⅞
UST Inc	28⅞	28⅞
UAL	88⅞	90⅞
USX Marathon	17⅞	17⅞
Unicom	21⅛	21⅛
Unilever NV	118⅞	118⅞
Union Camp	48⅞	49⅞
Union Carbide	34⅞	33⅞
Union Pacific	50	50⅞
Unisys Corp	10⅞	10⅞
USAIR Group	4⅛	4⅛
USF&G Corp	13⅛	13⅞
US Life	31⅞	31½
US West	37	37⅞
United Tech	63½	63⅞
Unocal Corp	28⅞	28⅞
Upjohn	33⅞	33⅞
VF Corp	51	50⅞
WMX Tech	29⅞	30
Wal-Mart Stores	23⅞	23⅞
Warner-Lambert	78	78⅞
Wells Fargo	147⅞	148⅞
Westinghouse El	13⅞	13⅞
Weyerhaeuser	40⅞	40⅞
Whirlpool	53⅞	53⅞
Whitman	16⅞	16⅞
Winn Dixie	51⅛	51⅞
Woolworth	18⅞	16⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	41⅞	42⅞
Xerox	111⅛	111⅞
Yellow Corp	19⅞	19⅞

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Golden times for Wales

DON'T spend all your money at Christmas. In January, the Stock Exchange's new alternative investment market will be graced by a listing of shares in Welsh Gold, which should appeal to those with a nationalistic streak. The company operates a working gold mine six miles north of Dolgellau, in Snowdonia National Park, and also runs a jewellery manufacturing division and a retailing centre. Traditionally, Welsh gold is supplied to the Royal Household for use in royal wedding rings, though on April 21, 1986, when The Queen turned 60, she was given a whole one kilogram bar of the yellow metal. Welsh Gold also runs a tourist operation where visitors can pan for gold — and "finders is keepers". Cash, however, will be required when the prospectus, that seeks to raise £1.5 million, is issued.

Flyaway Bob

BOB Gregory, the effervescent PR man at Low Bell, has always been a gentleman, and always wears braces with his City suit. Now he is about to become "one of those magnificiant men in their flying machines" after he put up his hand at The October Club's charity auction on Wednesday night and bid £1,100 for Lot 10. He secured a day for two at the Harbour Club, Chelsea, which includes two fitness assessments and tennis coaching — and two flying lessons at Biggin Hill. Why Lot 10? Probably because at last year's auction Gregory put up his other hand and walked away with a racing pigeon which, I am told, has since flown off, and which Gregory is determined to chase — either by getting fit and on foot, or in his own bi-plane.



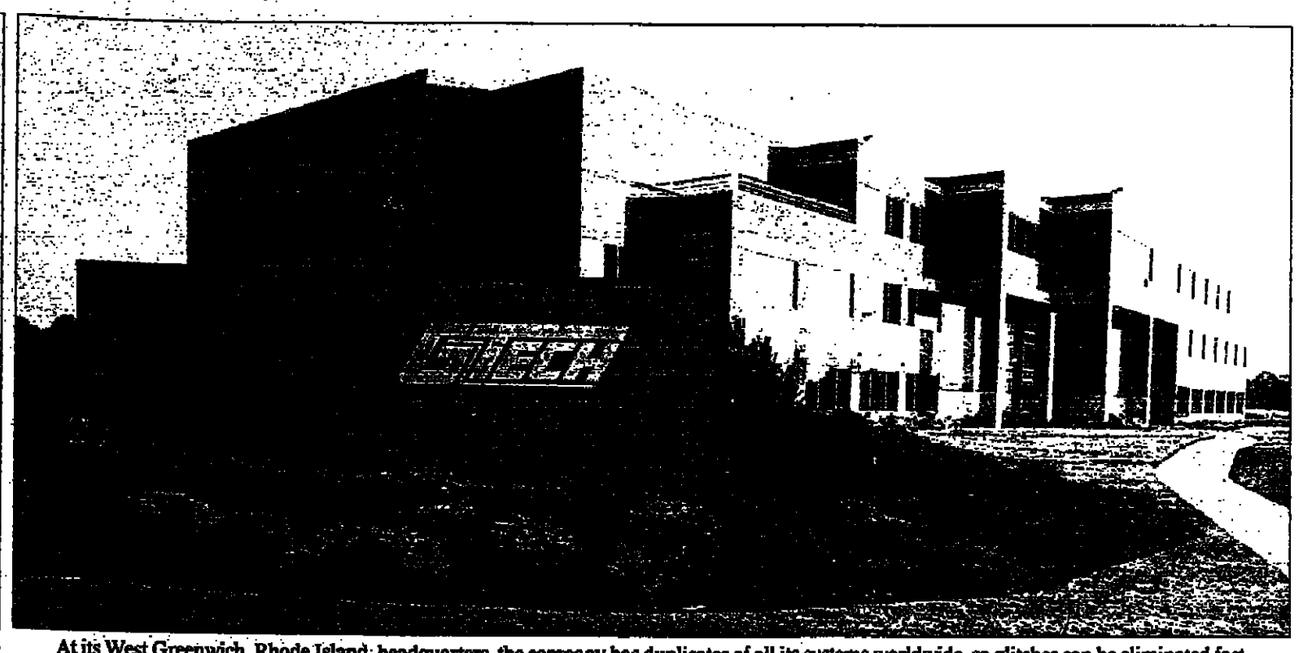
Face saver

NOTHING like boosting your green credentials and saving money into the bargain. British Airways is alarmed that the failure of the cotton harvest in the Far East and "leaf-curl" virus spreading through Asia could threaten the supplies of hot towels with which it wakes you from your slumbers as you fly into Heathrow. So the order has gone out to recyle them. Now BA cabin crews have been told to collect the towels for laundering. Neera Chopra, of BA's cabin services development, says the savings could amount to £238,000. That's an awful lot of towels.

Plane talk

ONE item from JAL cabin crew includes a humidity mask which comes with the following explanation. "The boneycomb mask is a disposable mask with a humidity-preserving feature created especially for this flight. The unique beehive-shaped portion absorbs humidity contained in expired air and then provides inhaled air with adequate humidity to alleviate the dryness of nose and throat caused by the dry atmosphere inside this airplane." What if you want to sneeze?

COLIN CAMPBELL



At its West Greenwich, Rhode Island, headquarters, the company has duplicates of all its systems worldwide, so glitches can be eliminated fast

Computer power corners the world lottery market

GTech provides hardware for lotteries in 70 countries, soon to be joined by Britain. **Sean Mac Carthaigh** reports

The Tour of Torture starts in a corner of GTech's 100,000 sq ft factory floor, where there is a pile of lottery-terminal computers six high and five deep, with little bits of paper stuck on them marked "UK". These are among the initial 10,000 screens that will bring to Britain its first lottery since the Napoleonic wars, when a lottery collapsed into hopeless corruption.

Robert Rendine, a GTech executive, pushes open the big metal door that leads into the sauna. In there, another three dozen terminals are hooked up to the electricity supply. They have been that way for three days, printing one British lottery ticket every three seconds, non-stop. The thermometer reads 105 degrees.

Two doors away is the freezer-room, exactly 32 degrees, and through the perspex glass you see more terminals, chattering, spewing out the tickets.

But now — Mr Rendine's eyes sparkle — comes the zapper-room. It is too dangerous for a human to enter, but we can see the chosen terminal on closed-circuit television. Beside it is a huge antenna, which is bombarding it with radio waves, every possible frequency. The machine is still churning out lottery tickets.

"You don't realise, when you buy a lottery ticket, what it takes to run a fail-free, trouble-free lottery," Mr Rendine explains. "We don't let a single terminal out of here before it's been tested, over and over." He glides his fingers over the finger-pads of a terminal destined for shipment to Britain. "This is designed for the retail world," he says. "You can spill a cup of coffee over this and it will still work."

The factory has the capacity to turn out up to 2,000 terminals a week. The British lottery will be GTech's largest-ever contract, probably the world's biggest legal draw, with estimated annual sales of £5 billion and 30,000 ticket terminals by 1997. GTech's income from British punters will be considerable; the company will share about 5 per cent of the take with Cadbury Schweppes, De La Rue, Racal and ICL, the other members of the Camelot consortium that won the contract from the Government.

The company was founded in the late 1970s by two marketing consultants, Guy Snowdon and Victor Markowicz, who saw the huge potential for applying computer technology to lotteries. It is still based in the tiny, north-eastern state of Rhode Island, but operates three out of four lotteries in the United States and controls close to 70 per cent of the world market in on-line lotteries.

In Latin America, GTech controls 100 per cent of the market, with on-line systems in Mexico, Guatemala, Venezuela, Argentina, Chile and Brazil. It operates three Australian state lotteries and the New Zealand national lottery. In Europe, it already runs the lotteries of Ireland, Spain, Belgium, Switzerland, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Iceland, The Netherlands, Austria, Estonia, Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia, as well as that in the German *Land* of Saxony and one in the Spanish region of Catalonia.

> GTech's teams are on 24-hour standby, in case a system goes down somewhere in the world

Most of the contracts are for five years, with provisions for another five; the British one is for seven years.

In all, GTech runs 28 lotteries in the US and 44 overseas, and believes it can continue to expand rapidly. Mr Rendine points to Africa as an area ripe for development of on-line lotteries, emphasising the importance of security and integrity. South Africa is considering a state lottery, and GTech will bid for the contract to design the system. If it succeeds there, the reasoning goes, other African states might also fall to GTech: it is a commercial version of the old domino theory.

GTech was called in to run the Polish national lottery, the first such enterprise in the post-Soviet era in Eastern Europe. The company found that the telephone lines were not reliable enough to run a lottery, so it developed radio technology secure and encoded enough to work the system. This was a particular source of pride to Mr Markowicz, who is a native of Poland. In Texas, GTech is running a pilot programme using satellite transmission, while still guaranteeing a total ticket processing time of three seconds or less. Worldwide, Mr Rendine says, only 50 per cent of lotteries are automated and on-line, and many countries do not run lotteries at all; there is still much for the company to play for. There are also illegal lotteries, often run by organised criminal networks. GTech estimates the weekly takings from the Taiwan mafia's numbers game at an astonishing $1 billion. Ironically, the winner is determined by the numbers drawn in the official, GTech-run Hong Kong lottery. This reassures customers in the illegal lottery that the result is not fixed.

To oversee it all, the company has 5,000 employees around the globe. More than 1,000 are based at the Rhode Island headquarters, including 300 engineers and designers and 200 software experts. These teams are on 24-hour standby, in case a system goes down somewhere in the world. In a secure room, GTech runs duplicates of every system it operates in every country. If a system goes down, the technicians first try to fix it by downloading the problem on to the duplicate, and they usually succeed, without ever leaving their offices. There is rarely any need to rush to the scene by air.

After the initial novelty of a lottery wears off, the company's marketing specialists suggest, it must compete with other products for disposable income. This means constant updates of the product, and GTech has a research team monitoring why different people buy lottery tickets at any given time. The most consistent, compelling reason, as most people could guess by looking into their own dark hearts, is greed; the bigger the jackpot, the more people will play.

GTech's turnover topped $630 million in the year to February, but some analysts, who had expected a faster rise in profit margins, were disappointed. Shares in the company fell rapidly in May, after GTech gave warning that the current year's earnings would be "at or below" last year's. The company insists that it follows what it describes as a highly profitable, long-term plan, and is willing to suffer reduced short-term earnings due to, for example, lower margins on its equipment sales to the British lottery.

The company's May statement said that other factors contributing to the outlook for fiscal 1995 included growth in expenses, increases in interest and taxes and the expectation of start-up losses from an electronic benefits business in Texas. The latter was set up in response to an order by the US authorities that the issuing of food stamps to welfare recipients should be automated.

Outside GTech headquarters, in front of the helicopter pad and the giant satellite dish, the flags of 70 countries and states flap in the New England breeze. On the day the British lottery goes on-line, the groundsman will hoist the Union Flag. This will leave 12 bare flagpoles, waiting to be filled.

Names set to fight latest Lloyd's ploy

The market's bid for first bite at court awards to names anticipates a crucial ruling due soon, says **Sarah Bagnall**

Lloyd's of London's attempt to get the first bite of any court awards made to loss-making names is expected to receive little but contempt from the market's thousands of litigants. The fight to recover losses through dozens of court actions is not without risk or cost, and to see the money pass directly to Lloyd's would be painful for many.

The High Court has already passed judgment in one Lloyd's action and many more are in the pipeline. Three weeks ago, Mr Justice Phillips ruled in favour of 3,096 names on Gooda Walker syndicates who were trying to recover losses of £629 million. Initial calculations by the Gooda Walker Action Group value the award at £504 million.

This week, Mr Justice Phillips was back in court for the start of a second action, brought by more than 1,650 names on the loss-making Feltrim syndicates. The Feltrim Names Association is trying to claw back losses of more than £530 million in an action that is expected to last until Christmas. Both cases involve the so-called London market excess "spiral", in which losses emanating from a string of catastrophes, such as the Piper Alpha oil platform and the Phillips refinery explosions, were concentrated among a relatively small number of names. This was because a handful of underwriters passed risks back and forth among themselves through a web of reinsurance contracts.

> Has Lloyd's the right to seize more than names' deposits?

This year, the Commercial Court estimated that six action groups were trying to recover losses of more than £1.5 billion, incurred as a result of the spiral. These included the Rose Thomson Young and Devenshire action groups.

Further legal battles are planned by many Lloyd's action groups against their syndicates' auditors; the Gooda Walker Action Group, for example, intends to sue Littlejohn Fraser.

Other actions that are pending relate to a different stream of losses. These are so-called long-tail actions, involving losses of billions of pounds emanating from American pollution and asbestosis claims dating back many years. At the last count, 13 long-tail action groups were trying to recover losses of about £2 billion.

The first long-tail action due in court is Merrett 417/418. The litigating action group members are due in court in March, in a bid to recoup £180 million of insurance losses. The Wellington Names Association is next, with an October 1995 court date, followed by the Poland names' action group at the end of next year.

Other action groups waiting for court time include the Secretan Names Association. The 1,000 names on the action group are fighting to win back more than £70 million of losses.

Last week, however, about half the 2,000-odd names in the Merrett action group suffered a setback in their legal battle. In the High Court, Mr Justice Gatehouse rejected the names' argument that they should be able to sidestep the six-year time limit on legal proceedings. If this ruling stands, it could weaken the case of long-tail action groups, many of which were unaware of the situation that led to their claims before the six years were up.

The attempt by Lloyd's to get direct access to litigation proceeds is thought by some to be linked to an imminent ruling expected from the Court of Appeal on whether Lloyd's has the right to collect forcibly the £1.2 billion owed by loss-making names.

The judgment, which is expected in the next few weeks, covers the cases of two sample names but has far-reaching implications for all names whose unpaid debts have been met by the Lloyd's central fund. At issue is whether Lloyd's has the right to seize names' assets over and above their deposits held at Lloyd's.

In an original judgment last November, Mr Justice Saville, then in charge of Lloyd's litigation, ruled in favour of Lloyd's but the names, one of whom has the support of the Writs Response Group, have appealed.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Wanted: a state-backed Bank for Small Businesses

From Mr Gerald Isaaman

Sir, You report, not for the first time, the outraged criticism by small businesses of major banks such as Barclays and National Westminster ("Small firms most critical", Business, October 19) in holding back essential enterprise, curiously at a time when loan growth is static and the banks are desperate for good small business accounts.

There cannot be a person in the country unaware of the harm caused to some member of their family and/or a friend by the action of banks during the recession, more often for mistakes made by the banks themselves, and the contempt with which the banks are held for clawing back their losses through remarkable and unexplained new levels of charges.

Surely the answer to this serious situation is the creation of a Bank for Small Businesses, one under-pinned by government guarantee, possibly in place of individual DTI grants, which would not be constricted by short-term profit goals and would not demand from every entrepreneur with a good idea the deeds to their house before offering positive help.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, claimed at Bournemouth, that 50,000 new businesses were being created every *minute*. Nobody, surprisingly, picked him up for quoting such an impossible figure, but we could move towards it if small businesses were given the financial support and encouragement that they undoubtedly need. That is vital for the long-term, overall benefit of the nation.

Yours faithfully,
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Worthy, but worthless, reports from DTI inspectors are a waste of time

From Mr Nigel Wilkins

Sir, The collapse last week of the DTI's case for disqualifying Mr Tony Berry as a company director must be the final nail in the coffin for the department's procedure of conducting costly and protracted inspectors' examinations into business misconduct and corporate failure.

This latest embarrassing development for the DTI comes hard on the heels of the last month's verdict by the European Human Rights Commission that the conviction of Ernest Saunders was flawed since evidence uncovered in the course of DTI inspectors' examinations should not be admissable in any subsequent criminal preceedings.

The value of weighty DTI reports had already been under question for some time. However critical they might have been of misconduct by the company directors concerned and their professional advisers, the reports themselves rarely led to further action against the perpetrators of that misconduct. Most memorably, the indictment of Robert Maxwell in a DTI report more than 20 years ago did not put a stop to his activities.

The contents of published inspectors' reports merely serve to confirm the poor quality of the regulators of much of the business life in this country.

Rather than wasting taxpayers' money by commissioning any further worthy, but worthless, reports, the resources would be better devoted to more effective investigation of corporate fraud and non-compliance with business regulations, combined with the full enforcement of existing penalties available.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL WILKINS
8 Petersham House
Harrington Road, SW7.

Relative value of the pound and job creation

From Professor D.A.Bell

Sir, Every change of the value of the pound has been a devaluation and this will continue unless there is a radical change in British industry.

In 1980 the pound would buy 4.2 Swiss francs or 4.6 German marks. Today it will buy 2 Swiss francs or 2.4 German marks; and this is after only 14 years, whereas John Major's forecast is for 25 years. (My vague forecast of the next devaluation is within 12 months of the next General Election, whoever wins it.)

Why do we have to import factories from Japan and Korea to provide work for unemployed British citizens? Is it because the capital cost of a factory may be up to £100,000 per job created or do we lack market judgement or other managerial skills?

Yours faithfully,
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Banking on understanding

From the Chief Executive, The Forum of Private Business

Sir, Your editorial "Don't whine, walk" (October 19) demands a reply. Far from being "bankbashers", the Forum of Private Business — unlike some business organisations — has always steered clear of using anecdotal evidence to criticise the banks. In the past six years we have produced four major reports based on information from nearly 20,000 business owners.

This has enable us to generate a solution which has been successfully piloted by Midland Bank, with further pilots to follow.

The conclusions of our academically approved research have always been shared with the banks ahead of publication and used as the basis for constructive talks with them afterwards.

To urge small firms to vote with their feet is too simple a solution. Banks are suspicious of taking on another bank's customers and this may explain why, of the 43 per cent who have considered changing bank, only 8 per cent have actually done so.

We shall continue our rigorous research because only a clear understanding of the facts can bring about the improved relationships between small firms and their banks which is so vital to our economy.

Yours faithfully,
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IBM surges to third-quarter $710m profits

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN NEW YORK

INTERNATIONAL Business Machines outstripped Wall Street's expectations yesterday, turning in third quarter profits of $710 million due to steady profit margins and increased revenues. Analysts rushed to revise their rating on "Big Blue", describing the results as "spectacular".

The earnings are a huge turnround from the same period last year when IBM had a $48 million loss. Louis Gerstner, the chairman, said the performance marked the start of a "second phase" of a transformation begun 18 months ago, when he became the first outsider to lead IBM. Longer-term business strategies are taking hold after months of cost cuts, Mr Gerstner said. But, he added: "We are far from our targeted levels of performance."

For the first time in more than two years, revenues from mainframe computers, still the core business for the world's largest computer company, increased. After preferred dividends, profits were $1.18 per common share in the three months to the end of September. A year ago, the loss was 12 cents per share for the same period. Revenues rose 5 per cent to $15.4 billion from $14.7 billion a year ago.

Jay Stevens, an analyst at Dean Witter, the securities house, upgraded his rating from hold to buy and said: "The IBM number was superb. Revenue was far above expectations — excess revenue created excess earnings."

For the first nine months of the year, IBM earned $1.79 billion, against an $8.5 billion loss a year ago after a nearly $9 billion charge for job cuts, plant and office consolidations and other restructuring costs.

January to September revenue was $44.1 billion, up 2 per cent from $43.3 billion in 1993. Revenues rose 4 per cent when the contribution of IBM's federal systems unit, sold to Loral this year, is removed from the year-ago period. By region, IBM's revenue rose 13 per cent in Europe, 16 per cent in Asia and 3 per cent in the US.

The company said its gross profit margin was 39.9 per cent, up from 39.2 per cent for the same period last year. That margin has held steady for about two years after falling more than 15 percentage points from 1989 to 1991.

By sector, revenue from the company's mid-range AS-400 products grew 25 per cent, reflecting success for new models and the economic recovery in Europe, where such machines are popular. Software sales rose 4 per cent. Services revenue was flat while maintenance, rentals and financing revenue fell.

Expenses declined $700 million, or 13 per cent, reflecting the programme of job cuts and other savings.

Last week, the company launched a new version of its OS/2 software operating system which it hopes will rival Microsoft's popular Windows.

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The only way is up: Louis Gerstner announced a huge turnround from a $48 million loss last year to $710 million profit

GM accelerates despite strikes

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT IN NEW YORK

GENERAL Motors announced third-quarter profits of $552 million yesterday, compared with a loss of $113 million this time last year. Jack Smith, the company president, said earnings would have been higher but for production hours lost in recent industrial disputes.

The earnings came to 40 cents per share of GM common stock for the July to September period in contrast to a 49 cents per share loss last year. GM's revenue for the quarter rose to $31 billion, against $27 billion a year ago. Last year's third-quarter losses reflected one-time charges and a one-time gain.

GM's profits for the first nine months of the year were $3.3 billion, or $3.41 a share, compared with $1.3 billion, or 85 cents a share in 1993. Nine-month revenues were $102.5 billion, compared with $91.1 billion over the same period last year.

Mr Smith insisted several conditions held down profits in the July-September quarter: "While sales are strong, we were impacted by model start-ups, capacity constraints and the lost production resulting from strikes at two North American facilities"

He said the company was encouraged by sales forecasts related to its new, high-volume car models.

There were losses of $328 million for the quarter in the company's North American car and truck business, compared with a loss of $1.1 billion a year ago.

Analysts say Mr Smith has made a high priority of bringing GM's North American operations back into the black. Yesterday, he said that while he believed his strategy to turn the division around was sound, it should now accelerate to meet competitive targets.

The company's finance, defence-electronics and computer services subsidiaries reported earnings totalling more than $700 million for the July to September period.



Smith: encouraging sales

Raytheon closures fought

RAYTHEON, the American aerospace manufacturer, faces growing pressure to abandon plans to close its plane-making facilities at Broughton, in Clwyd, North Wales, and Hatfield, Hertfordshire.

Clwyd County Council estimates that closure of the plants would mean the loss of 1,000 jobs directly and another 4,000 indirectly, through suppliers.

It says senior ministers, including Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, have been asked to put pressure on US trade officials and the company to halt plans to move the 30-year-old operation out of Britain.

A UK delegation will put the case for reversing Raytheon's decision to Max Bleck, the corporation's president, on November 4.

Commission to give ruling on VSEL deal next week

FROM REUTER IN BRUSSELS

THE European Commission will rule next week whether British Aerospace's plan to acquire VSEL, the warship maker, or parts of the deal, fall under European Union rules on major concentrations, a commission official said yesterday.

"The question is whether production of the companies involved has civil applications or whether all applications are military," the official said.

If the operation involved civil aspects, the commission would have to start its routine one-month inquiry, he added.

The spokesman for Karel Van Miert, the Competition Commissioner, said the commission needed more information. "The (British) Government must give us the minimum information required to decide whether or not the deal falls under the merger regulation," he said.

Both British Aerospace and VSEL are in the highly sensitive defence industry, VSEL making Britain's Trident nuclear submarines and BAe the Tornado fighter aircraft.

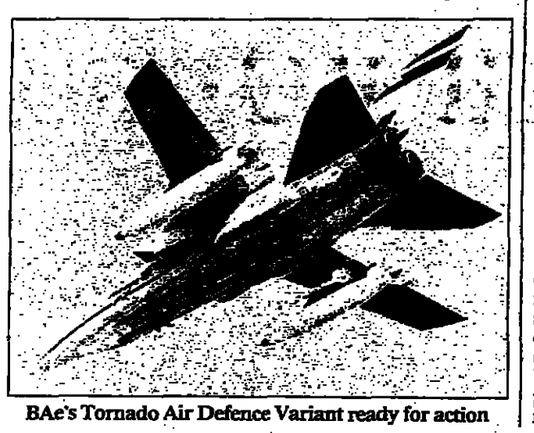
On Wednesday, the Department of Trade and Industry said it had notified the commission that, in its view, the proposed acquisition of VSEL affected Britain's essential security interests and should not be vetted by the commission.

Britain was using provisions in the EU treaty allowing a member country not to supply information considered contrary to the essential interests of its security.

Other countries have made use of such provisions but this did not prevent the commission from probing the civil aspects of the deals concerned.

Even if the commission found that BAe's bid for VSEL fell under the merger regulation, Britain could still invoke the legitimate interest exception in the regulation. This says that a EU state can ask the commission for both national and EU anti-trust authorities to vet a joint venture or acquisition if the operation affects its security interests or deals with media pluralism.

The commission official said a decision on whether the VSEL takeover falls under the merger regulation must be taken next week. This was to allow Britain, if the deal did fall under the regulation, to formally seek commission clearance within the seven-day deadline set by the regulation.



BAe's Tornado Air Defence Variant ready for action

Bayer to drive down production costs 20%

BY COLIN NARBROUGH WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

BAYER, the German chemical group that last month agreed to pay $1 billion for the Sterling over-the-counter drugs business of SmithKline Beecham, plans to cut production costs by between 15 and 20 per cent over the next three to four years, according to Manfred Schneider, management board chairman.

The cuts would amount to between DM1.3 billion and DM1.8 billion off annual costs, company officials said. Herr Schneider sought to emphasise that they were part of a restructuring that could not be stopped, in spite of the renewed upturn in the Germany economy.

Another part of cost-cutting would be a 10 per cent reduction in management over the coming years, he said. Bayer has already reduced its divisions to 20, from 25, but now plans to reduce the six tiers of divisional management to two.

Bayer, one of Germany's "big three" chemicals groups, has invested heavily in east Germany this year to help to secure Saxony as a chemicals industry location.

Herr Schneider said that the group's plans would contain investments of more than DM1 billion in the Far East by the end of the century.

MJ Gleeson manages small rise

BY RODNEY HOBSON

RISING costs of materials and limited increases in house prices are likely to put further pressure on housebuilding margins, according to MJ Gleeson, the builder.

On the contracting side, the company said overcapacity was likely to continue to depress tender prices. The group is working harder to win contracts overseas.

Gleeson made pre-tax profits of £8.9 million (£8.2 million) in the year to June, still below the levels enjoyed between 1988 and 1992. Earnings per share rose from 57.54p to 58.21p. The final dividend of 10.81p makes 14.16p, up from 12.75p. The shares were unchanged at 840p.

Income from property investment showed a modest increase from £5 million to £5.2 million thanks to the receipt of a premium on the cancellation of an office lease. About a third of the investment property has been independently revalued, producing a surplus of £2.4 million.



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Union Pacific fights to derail Santa Fe merger

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN NEW YORK

THE battle for America's Santa Fe Pacific railway company and its 12,000 miles of track is accelerating. Union Pacific, the country's biggest railway operator in terms of revenue, has vowed to target Santa Fe shareholders, over the heads of management, to persuade them not to merge with Burlington Northern rail company.

The merger plan was announced in June, but came under pressure this month when Union Pacific made an unsolicited bid for Santa Fe, offering $3.4 billion in shares. Continuing with the Burlington Northern deal would mean a $2.7 billion share-exchange. Both mergers would create the largest American rail company.

Santa Fe executives rejected the Union Pacific offer, saying: "Santa Fe continues to believe that the Union Pacific is attempting to derail the Santa Fe-Burlington Northern merger because Union Pacific fears the formation of a strong competitor."

Gerald Grinstein, Burlington's chairman and chief executive officer, said: "Union Pacific will go to any length to prevent Burlington Northern from competing with them on a level playing field. It is hard to understand how anyone can miss all of the benefits of our proposed end-to-end merger with the Santa Fe."

When Santa Fe and Burlington filed their merger plan with US regulators on Thursday, they said they would hold special shareholders' meetings next month to vote on the deal. By Friday, Union Pacific had launched its campaign to solicit proxies from Santa Fe shareholders to vote against.

Drew Lewis, Union Pacific chairman, said: "To date, Santa Fe's management and board have refused to discuss our proposal to merge with Santa Fe. We believe Santa Fe shareholders should have an opportunity to consider our superior alternative."

Santa Fe management said it had expected the move by Union Pacific to target its shareholders, and promised once again to continue with the original merger deal with Burlington. The company said anti-trust regulators would reject any merger application by Union Pacific and Santa Fe because the two compete on similar routes.

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Notice of the Thirty-third Annual Meeting of Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirty-third Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Canadian Overseas Packaging Industries Limited will be held at Suite 4000, 1 Place Ville Marie, Montreal, Quebec H3B 4M4, Canada on Tuesday the 29th day of November 1994 at 11.00 a.m. for the following purposes:

1. to receive and consider the report of the Directors and the consolidated financial statements of the Corporation and its subsidiaries for the year ended June 30, 1994 together with the report of the Auditors thereon,
2. to elect Directors;
3. to appoint Auditors and to authorize the Directors to fix their remuneration; and
4. to transact such other business as may be transacted at an Annual Meeting

Shareholders who are unable to attend the foregoing Meeting are requested to complete and return their form of proxy to the address stated thereon at least 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the said Meeting.

Declaration of Dividend

The Directors have declared the following dividend payable to Shareholders registered at the close of business on November 18, 1994.

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62 Canadian cents per share for the year to June 30, 1994. (The comparative figure for 1993 is 58 Canadian cents).

The payment date for the dividend is December 9, 1994. The dividend will be paid in the customary currencies, related to the registered address of a Shareholder, in accordance with the by-laws of the Corporation.

October 21, 1994
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M C JOHNSTON, Q.C.
Director and Secretary

US and UK boost phone competition

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN has paved the way for increased traffic and more competition in transatlantic telephone calls with the announcement that the Government has agreed with America on an important mutual opening of markets.

Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, said yesterday that the Department of Trade and Industry would now allow "international simple resale" (ISR) of private telephone circuits between Britain and America to go ahead.

The move comes after a decision by the Federal Communications Commission in Washington to allow a similar market opening in America. Until now, Britain had ISR agreements only with Australia, Canada and Sweden.

ISR is the term for the leasing of private telephone circuit capacity by companies such as Cable and Wireless (C&W), to other companies wishing to operate telephone services between the public telephone networks of two countries.

The main idea behind ISR is to increase competition by allowing new entrants to operate their own international service, mainly for business customers, in competition with existing players in the market. The Atlantic, the busiest route in the world for telephone traffic, is a market that many companies are keen to enter.

Although there has been concern among City analysts about the impact that opening the transatlantic market may have on present transatlantic operators, Mr Heseltine has argued that ISR between Britain and America would increase calls and produce more business for all the telecommunications companies.

The DTI said that ISR would allow new entrants to offer voice services over circuits leased from BT and from Mercury, the C&W telephone subsidiary, Britain's international licensees.

Without having to pay the usual charges and paying a flat rate for leased capacity, the companies leasing circuits will be able to offer telephone calls below the typical rate-per-minute charges for normal calls.

BT, which has been pressing for ISR with America since last year, welcomed Mr Heseltine's announcement, saying that it would increase revenue from its Concert global telecommunications venture with MCI Communications, the American telephone group.

C&W said that it expected to benefit from the ISR development. James Ross, chief executive, said: "We are a unique worldwide federation of companies which will also derive advantage from this move."



Ronnie Irving, managing director, left, and Denis Cassidy reported a halfway escalation in profits and dividend

Ferguson beats Europe trade gloom

BY RODNEY HOBSON

ALL three divisions of Ferguson International, the labels, hangers and cable television components group, have improved profits despite "extremely difficult" trading conditions in Europe.

Interim pre-tax profits to August 31 showed a rise from £5.2 million to £6 million, while earnings per share rose from 10.4p to 11.9p. The interim dividend of 4.5p is up from 4.25p. Denis Cassidy, chairman, said US businesses had shown strong growth and the UK had also maintained its impetus. But Globus, the German subsidiary, had held back the labels business. He said: "The disruption from the installation of new equipment caused temporary difficulties in meeting already limited market demand."

Labels remained the biggest part of the group, but now accounts for less than half total sales after improving only marginally with a turnover up from £35.8 million to £36 million. Turnover in hangers leapt from £16.6 million to £25.4 million, and in TV components from £13.1 million to £19.1 million. Both contributed £1.5 million to profits. Mr Cassidy said: "The cable television market in the US has benefited from a stronger economy, which has encouraged expansion and upgrading of cable networks."

Placing to fund deals by Adscene

BY MARTIN BARROW

ADSCENE, the printer and local newspaper publisher, has announced two acquisitions, for up to £6.98 million in all, to be part-funded through a vendor placing of shares.

The company is buying Flair Press, a printing group with customers in financial services, and Charles Elphick, a printing services business operating with Flair.

In the year to June 30, Elphick saw pre-tax profits, before one-off charges, of £205,000; Flair saw pre-tax profits of £848,000 on turnover of £14.16 million, against £583,000 and £11.37 million in the previous year.

The consideration for Flair is £4.35 million, and a profit-related £1.5 million. The payment for Elphick is £80,000, plus more than £1 million, depending on prospects.

Adscene announced a vendor placing of 1.5 million shares by Beeson Gregory at 271p, against 291p yesterday, down 2p.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Borland hit by new operating setback

ANOTHER operating loss has been recorded by Borland, the US computer group whose shares traded on the Unlisted Securities Market in London. A second-quarter loss of $1.2 million took the half-year total operating loss to September 30 to $28.9 million. The figures were rescued by the proceeds from the sale of the Quattro Pro production line, which transformed the loss into an interim pre-tax profit of $72.6 million, up from $12 million in the previous first half.

Turnover fell 1.7 per cent to $81.3 million in the second quarter after stripping out the Quattro Pro revenue. Net income per share fell from 11 cents to 1 cent in the quarter, but rose from 34 cents to $1.84 in the half year. The shares were unchanged at 863p. Borland, based in California, supplies databases and programming languages for personal computers. Restructuring earlier this year pulled the shares down from £15. Keith Maib, chief operating officer, said costs had been controlled and gross margins were improving.

Ruling on Healthcall

THE Office of Fair Trading has decided to take no action against Healthcall Group, the medical services company, over claims that an agreement with the British Medical Association on doctors' deputising services distorted competition in the market. Sir Bryan Carsberg, director-general of Fair Trading, ruled yesterday that the agreement did not operate in a way that significantly influenced competition. Healthcall welcomed the announcement.

Lionheart passes payout

LIONHEART, the consumer products company, is passing the interim dividend after incurring losses of £841,000 before tax in the half year to June 30. The loss per share was 0.51p. Paul Lever, chairman, blamed a decline in orders from retailers in response to depressed consumer demand. The first half of the previous year saw an interim dividend of 0.1p, from pre-tax profits of £518,000 and earnings of 0.13p. In the current year's first half, turnover fell to £19.9 million (£22.47 million).

Offers for Coal Products

MORE than ten companies have made indicative offers to buy British Coal's solid fuel manufacturing business, Coal Products Ltd., based in Derbyshire. The corporation, in consultation with advisers Price Waterhouse Corporate Finance, will select bidders who will progress to the next stage of the sale process. Coal Products estimates that it has about 30 per cent of the solid smokeless fuel market in Britain and about 60 per cent of the UK foundry coke market.

Downturn at Cradley

CRADLEY Group Holdings, the printing company, said a recovery in volumes was under threat because of a move by manufacturers and other suppliers to increase prices. In the year to June 30, Cradley suffered a downturn in profits to £1.2 million before tax from £1.64 million, with earnings falling to 2.5p a share (3.3p). The dividend for the year is held at 1.15p. Turnover fell to £23.7 million (£29.6 million) after the completion of a large one-off contract.

More losses for Ferrum

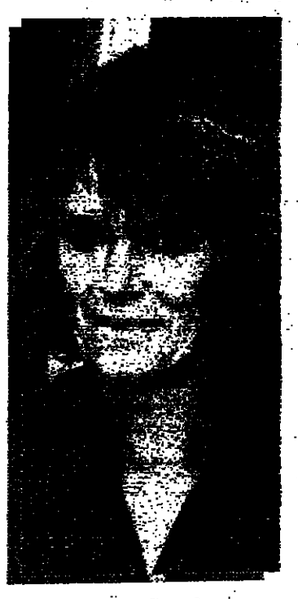
FERRUM, the engineeering company, is hoping to eliminate all loss-making operations by the end of the year despite a disappointing performance in the six months to June 30. The interim pre-tax loss widened from £1.5 million to £4.2 million, and the loss per share from 22.98p to 33.01p. Simon Miller, chairman, said the business environment was "clearly improving" and he could see higher order books and improved performance in several key businesses.

Small firms 'lack skills'

LACK of management skills is holding back growth of small businesses, a report by Barclays Bank concludes. Only 19 per cent of business owners have any specific sales or marketing skills, and 14 per cent any financial skills. Despite this, in the first three years of trading only 23 per cent of businesses invested in training. The report says: "Small business owners rely heavily on the experience they have gained from previous employment to run their business."

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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Aberdeen Portfolio	56.02	60.15	-0.14	0.52
Amer Inc & Growth	41.71	44.02*	-0.08	0.70
Cash	50.25	50.25*	..	4.48
European	105.30	112.40	+0.80	..
Exempt	977.60	£10.41*	+1.30	1.77
Extra Income	49.27	52.70*	-0.17	4.51
Far East Emg Ecn	117.40	126.50	-0.30	0.50
Fixed Interest	21.92	23.29*	-0.07	7.58
Fund Inv Tst	175.40	187.30*	-0.80	0.98
Japan	188.60	201.10	+0.90	..
Latin American	76.05	81.12	-0.35	0.59
Pacific	73.68	78.90	-0.21	0.34
Property Share	64.19	68.52	-0.08	1.67
UK Emerging Cos	62.33	66.54	-0.12	1.96
UK Growth	42.96	46.44*	-0.06	2.52
World Growth	72.26	77.15	-0.27	0.70
Ethical	59.96	64.01	-0.08	2.74
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	49.13	49.13*	-0.04	6.64

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AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD
28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF
031 549 3232

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British Growth	66.72	70.97*	-0.26	2.72
British Income	77.32	82.25*	-0.39	3.44
Select Portfolio	85.64	91.11*	-0.50	.

ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD
101 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR
0452 305 958

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amity Income	73.26	77.73*	-0.13	2.57
Income Builder Inc	65.62	70.02	+0.06	3.03

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	220.10	235.20*	+0.10	3.47
Capital	391.50	415.50*	+0.30	1.95
Balanced	657.30	702.60	-0.70	2.63
Accumulator	£11.91	£12.73*	+2.00	3.08
Income Trusts				
American Income	45.11	48.22	-0.01	3.32
High Income	379.90	406.10*	+0.60	3.80
Equity Income	215.60	230.40	+0.40	3.72
High Yield	231.80	247.50*	+0.30	3.79
Govt Securities	31.91	33.68*	-0.06	5.40
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	134.00	143.20*	+0.60	0.42
European Growth	34.17	36.43	+0.03	0.08
International	157.70	168.50	+0.60	0.23
Japan	220.60	235.70	+0.10	0.01
Pacific	415.70	444.30	+1.50	0.02
Secs of America	394.20	419.50	+1.70	0.45
Wwide Asset Val	47.56	50.84	+0.21	0.20
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	500.80	535.30	+1.20	2.43
Conv & Gilt	43.17	46.14	+0.07	4.75
Smaller Cos	160.90	172.00	+0.60	1.31
2nd Smaller Cos	152.30	162.80*	+0.30	1.25
Recovery	130.50	139.50*	+0.10	1.87
Met Min & Cdty	153.80	164.40	+1.20	0.85
Oseas Earnings	334.40	357.40	+0.40	2.05
Technology	154.50	165.10*	+1.00	0.01
UK Special Sits	425.90	455.20	.	1.99

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cntrctd Out Pens	96.45	100.20*	..	1.45
Foundtn Persl Pens	61.36	63.75*	..	4.00

BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
77 South Audley St, London W1Y 6DX
0171 408 0033

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	68.34	72.70	+0.46	1.51
International	61.00	64.89	..	..

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY
031 222 4242

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
America	275.00	295.80*	+0.40	..
Bond	106.60	112.20*	-0.20	7.50
Brit Smlr Cos	96.63	102.80	-0.20	1.37
Conv & Gen	64.57	68.91	+0.07	5.45
Energy	419.50	447.60	-0.60	0.22
Europe	220.70	235.10	...	0.47
Euro Smlr Cos	102.20	109.20	...	0.86
Income Gwth	327.50	349.50*	+0.30	4.51
Japan	336.60	355.50*	-2.90	...
Pacific	107.20	114.00	+0.20	0.75
UK Smlr Cos	50.35	53.56	-0.11	0.92
Japan Fd	767.00	789.70	+0.70	...
Mngd Fd	166.30	176.90*	+0.70	3.05

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD
36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Brit & Oseas	276.20	290.80	..	1.28
Capital Gwth	109.40	115.20		2.32
Wwide Opps	180.40	189.90		0.42

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Trusts				
Brst Inv Fd Inc	328.80	342.50*	-1.40	2.91
European Bd Inc	88.55	91.66	-0.12	8.08
Exempt	70.06	74.95*	-0.28	4.41
Financial	70.30	75.08	-0.44	2.76
500.0	432.60	462.70	-0.70	2.36
General	260.80	278.90*	-0.80	2.66
Property	251.00	268.50	...	5.94
Trustee	174.40	186.60	-0.40	2.38
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.20	100.20*	...	4.62
Extra Income	111.50	119.20*	-0.30	4.15
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.88	57.75	+0.05	8.84
Income	505.30	540.40	-1.30	4.15
Income Builder	60.78	64.66	-0.32	4.87
Intl Income	61.87	65.82	-0.16	3.61
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	111.90	119.30	-0.60	2.68
Leisure	115.80	123.90	-0.30	1.27
Recovery	396.70	424.30	-0.90	2.48
Smllr Cos Inc	41.42	44.42	-0.03	1.86
Special Sits	265.40	283.80	-1.10	1.59
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	121.30	128.70	-0.10	0.65
Aust Acc	239.70	255.00	-0.50	2.06
Aust Inc	149.00	158.50	-0.40	2.06
Euro Gwth Inc	145.00	153.90	-0.70	0.62
Japan & Gen Inc	189.60	200.70	+0.90	...
Japan Spec Sits	87.99	93.21	+0.14	...
Univ Tech Inc	78.33	83.34	+0.33	0.31
Worldwide	168.70	179.10	+0.10	0.59

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
081 658 9002

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	87.79	93.33	+0.79	..
Amer Smllr Cos	121.10	130.30	+0.90	..
Cash Trust	50.17	50.17	..	4.10
Convertibles	54.73	58.53*	-0.07	5.50
Eastern	287.50	309.70	-0.40	0.10
Equity Income	86.43	91.94	-0.20	5.00
European Growth	282.50	299.80	-0.10	1.00
Europe	211.70	225.80	-0.60	0.60
German Growth	69.77	74.24	+0.11	0.10
Global Bond	61.10	64.39	-0.06	6.40
Global Growth	121.80	130.00	+0.40	...
Japan Growth	210.50	224.40	+0.10	...
Japan Sunrise	187.60	199.50	-0.30	.
Korea Trust	86.62	96.83	-1.14	..
Portfolio	128.20	137.30	-0.20	1.60
UK Growth	82.95	88.24	-0.14	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	85.50	91.50*	-0.08	1.50
Select Managers	72.46	77.59	-0.02	1.10

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL
071 250 3300

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Gwth Port Inc	76.69	81.59	...	...
Special Oppor Inc	56.12	59.70	...	...

BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD
5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	166.10	179.80	-0.70	1.46
Dividend	80.00	85.56	-0.84	3.87
Int Gth & Inc	204.60	218.80	-1.40	3.16
UK & Gen	42.15	45.08	-0.29	1.50
Fund of Funds	63.69	68.12*	-0.33	...

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR
041 223 6020

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Growth	100.72	106.58*	-0.39	1.78
Smaller Cos	100.53	106.39	-0.20	1.33
Higher Yield	42.98	45.48*	-0.18	3.65
American Gth Inc	67.41	71.33	+0.01	...
European Growth	131.27	138.91*	-0.01	0.05
Global Bond Inc	25.86	27.31	-0.11	6.52
Mngd Pfolio Inc	41.06	43.44*	-0.05	1.09
Intl Spec Opps	115.46	122.18	+0.24	0.44
Pacific Grth	133.37	141.13	-0.15	...
Formerly LAS				
UK General	72.93	77.17	-0.31	2.09
Japan	66.76	70.65	+0.21	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	93.20	95.10	-0.34	6.29

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL
071 480 7216

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Short Dated Gilt	63.91	64.74	-0.12	6.58

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 8AH
061 837 5060

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Environ	146.60	156.00	-0.30	1.66
UK Growth	158.50	166.70	-0.60	2.32
UK Income	125.30	133.40*	-0.40	4.53

CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA
0707 651 122

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Can Gen Dist	179.50	190.20	+0.20	2.08
-do- Income Dist	101.80	108.00*	-0.10	4.63
Gilt & Fxd Int	38.82	41.15	-0.05	6.01

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American & Gen	143.90	152.70*	-0.20	...
European Inc	75.51	80.03	-0.16	0.39
Smaller Cos (4-1)	77.65	82.61*	-0.04	1.90
Growth	397.00	422.40*	+4.00	2.39
Income & Growth	388.40	413.20	-0.10	4.02

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Japan & Gen	76.84	81.59	+0.06	..
Master Portfolio	£100.94	£104.99*	+0.40	1.97
Special Sits	92.62	98.54	+0.84	2.33
High Yield	£12.71	£13.11	...	4.43

CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh
031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth Tst	34.22	36.59*	-0.21	0.28
Cash Income	50.60	50.60	+0.01	5.09
European Gwth	38.86	41.21	-0.05	0.15
Income & Gwth Inc	25.95	27.79*	-0.26	4.46
Intnl Gwth	30.29	32.39	-0.06	0.13
Japan Gwth	28.71	30.70	-0.10	..
Managed Tst Inc	46.67	50.12	+0.10	1.01
Oriental Opps Inc	144.00	154.00	-1.50	..
Property Shares	37.78	40.40	+1.78	0.62
Smaller Cos	29.64	31.70*	+0.02	1.61
UK Growth Tst	24.52	26.22	-0.19	2.39
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	70.46	75.35	-0.09	1.28
Cap Hse UK Inc	66.63	70.19	-0.07	2.50
Exempt (E)	29.54	30.70	..	1.76
Formerly Brown Shipley				
Financial	136.60	146.00	-0.40	1.69
Foundation	88.10	94.22*	-0.14	2.38
German	49.93	53.15	-0.12	..
High Income	71.66	76.64*	-0.12	5.74
Mngd Pfolio Inc	101.70	106.70	..	1.07
Mngd Pfolio Acc	194.40	207.90	..	1.07
Monthly Income	77.85	83.26	-1.99	4.21

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0708

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cazenove Portfolio	90.10	95.42	+0.09	2.37
American Portfolio	84.24	89.75	+0.02	1.24
European Portfolio	92.63	98.60*	-0.50	0.90
Japanese Portfolio	69.36	73.72	+0.12	..
Pacific Portfolio	140.72	151.32	+0.12	0.56
UK Inc & Growth	72.49	77.69*	+0.08	3.68
Utility & Bond	54.97	55.53	-0.07	6.13

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK General Tst	62.78	66.78	-0.12	3.00

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD
071 837 7667

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	139.24	140.71	...	...
UK Income	105.60	115.56	...	5.202

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Beckman Intl	70.57	75.27*		2.22
Beck Bio-Tech	24.87	27.61	-1.71	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	146.95	154.68	..	1.31
City Fin Assets	67.87	72.30*	..	1.08
City Fin American	78.76	82.90	..	..
City Fin Intl	76.86	80.91*		0.49
City Fin Japan	172.97	182.07	..	..
Friars Hse Cap	261.43	282.63	...	1.51
Friars Hse Inc	195.60	208.09	...	3.91
Buckley Wrld Grth	132.92	141.40*		0.08
Fairmnt Cap Gth	139.10	146.42	-0.69	..
-do- Inc & Gth	106.27	113.97	+0.89	1.01
Fairmount Intl	155.91	164.12	-1.33	..
City Fin Pflio Inc	53.98	57.43	-0.29	4.28

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0892 412 144

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Emerging Markets	57.48	60.99	+0.20	..

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	52.15	55.79	+0.21	..
Atlas Mngd Gwth	35.99	38.49	+0.05	0.22
Dragon Growth	70.56	75.47	-0.38	0.20
Equity High Inc	79.04	84.06	-0.06	3.96
European Gwth	48.65	51.76	+0.11	0.67
Evergreen	28.28	30.25	+0.05	..
General Equity	79.01	83.93	-0.03	2.62
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.66	24.90*	-0.03	8.33
Japan Growth	54.59	58.38	+0.14	..
Pedigree Gwth	48.18	51.26	-0.04	2.68
Ped Sm Cos Inc	30.07	31.99	-0.05	1.08
Retirement Inc	24.99	26.73	-0.03	5.60
Special Sits	36.03	38.54	-0.15	1.99
UK & Overseas	46.79	49.78	+0.05	1.12

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY
0634 895 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	63.44	67.85	-0.06	2.34
Income	57.56	61.56	-0.09	4.29

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9818
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	151.91	161.50*	-0.40	5.55
Fixed & Convertible	38.64	41.11*	-0.05	7.66
Monthly Inc Plus	46.73	49.71	-0.05	9.01
Preference Share	44.65	47.71*	+0.03	7.69
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	119.91	127.56*	-1.68	7.33
Managed Fund	64.66	68.79*	+0.03	2.58
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	38.35	40.90	-0.08	1.66
UK & General	74.95	79.73*	-0.51	2.41
UK Growth	133.09	141.59	+0.06	2.41
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	181.49	193.07	-0.31	0.26
Far Eastern Grth	136.72	145.45	+0.24	..
Global Bond	75.31	80.05*	-0.27	6.53
Japan Growth	128.52	136.72	-0.23	..
North Amer Grth	149.64	159.40	+0.69	..
Oriental Growth	78.68	83.70	+0.36	..
Worldwide Growth	61.67	65.61*	+0.05	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.61	91.61*	+0.01	4.66
Homemaker Fund	74.83	79.61	-0.11	1.90
Quilter Fund	123.82	131.72	-0.24	2.97

CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN
0438 744 840

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Inc	55.91	59.47	-0.06	3.00
High Income	32.06	34.10*	-0.03	4.90
Japan	37.29	39.66	+0.06	...
Smaller Cos Inc	29.99	31.90	-0.03	2.30
Smaller Cos	31.46	33.46	-0.03	2.30
North American	31.53	33.54	+0.02	0.40
European	35.31	37.56	-0.03	0.50

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Consistent UT	29.84	32.01	+0.04	3.37

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	136.30	145.10*	-1.50	2.02
Income	68.23	72.59	-0.20	5.09
European	59.03	62.80	+0.31	0.95
Recovery	141.90	151.00	-1.10	1.84

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	801.30	815.00*		3.93

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
0277 690 370

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	67.35	71.64*	-0.15	1.37
Income	224.30	238.60*	-0.20	4.87
Smaller Cos	144.20	153.30	-0.30	0.87
Inv Portfolio	75.59	80.41	-0.34	1.49
High Income Port	66.39	69.56	-0.06	5.00

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS
071 410 0177

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Euro Small Cos	£15.02	£15.41	-6.90	...
Japan Small Cos	£13.02	£13.28	-1.50	...
UK Small Cos	£17.29	£18.04	+1.50	...
US Small Cos	£15.32	£15.76	-34.90	...

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL
071 377 8819

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Disc Inc	199.60	210.20	...	2.72

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
25, Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Gwth	262.30	277.50	+0.50	1.00
New Asia	218.30	233.50*	+0.30	.
Japan Growth	128.00	136.20*	-0.10	...
Jap Smllr Co	536.40	570.10	-3.10	..
Nth Amer	236.60	250.80	-0.10	0.95
Shlfrd Asia Pac Mt	121.90	128.90	-0.10	0.35
UK Inc & Grth	202.70	216.40*	-0.30	2.78

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Balanced Inc	134.90	143.50	-0.40	1.87
UK High Inc Inc	144.70	153.90	-0.60	4.68
UK Pref & F I Inc	56.48	59.96	-0.09	5.21
Envrnmntl Opps	80.38	85.51	-0.10	1.10

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh
0345 090 526

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	115.00	122.00	+0.30	1.43
Convertibles	20.37	21.64*	+0.01	6.93
Equity Income	121.70	129.30*	+0.60	4.10
EuroFund	43.37	45.98	+0.29	0.43
Financial	44.42	47.20*	+0.04	1.69
Growth & Inc	222.90	236.80	+0.90	3.25
High Dist	149.50	158.80	+1.00	4.72
International	392.60	417.10	+0.20	0.12
Int Cap Inc	93.44	99.75*	+0.16	3.01
Latin American	49.04	52.10	-0.01	...
Pacific	89.78	95.39*	+0.58	...
Preference Share	21.44	22.78*	+0.02	7.24
Tokyo	240.60	255.30*	-0.30	..
UK Smaller Cos	214.00	227.40	-0.10	1.21

ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD
28 Ely Place, London EC1N 6RL
071 242 0242

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Elcon Trust	207.74	222.08	+3.33	0.99

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7264

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Endurance Fd	196.70	209.30*	-2.60	0.52

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN
0296 431 480

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	75.66	79.64	-0.04	1.72
Ethical Tst	44.10	46.42	+0.04	1.25
Far Eastern	306.53	322.66	+0.39	1.64
High Income	127.96	134.69	-0.15	4.78
Intl Growth	117.62	123.81	-0.34	1.34
North American	103.84	109.09*	+0.05	1.19
Pelican	111.06	116.91*	+0.10	3.29
Smaller Cos	68.65	72.26	-0.04	2.31
Special Sits	86.05	90.58*	-0.11	2.42
Tst of Inv Tsts	181.36	190.91	-0.22	1.47

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Smaller Cos Inc	201.34	211.81*	-1.27	1.41
Smaller Cos Acc	355.85	370.68*	-2.25	1.41
Recovery	52.07	54.24	-0.18	1.20
Recovery Acc	52.19	54.36	-0.19	1.20

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB
0392 412 144

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	106.46	113.22	-0.26	5.99
Capital Growth	80.98	86.84*	+0.06	.
Fd of Inv Tsts	44.46	47.42	+0.01	0.61
High Income	44.09	47.25*	-0.05	9.74
Warrant	58.23	63.29*	-0.35	...
Zero Preference	34.69	36.81	-0.01	...

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Family Asset Tst	73.14	77.81*	-0.27	2.43
Family Income Tst	47.00	47.00*	-0.30	5.64
Family Trust	84.52	89.91*	...	1.06
United Charities	252.60	268.70*	-0.90	2.70

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161
Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	..	4.70
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	26.28	26.53*	-0.06	8.07
Intl Bond	26.90	27.92	-0.06	5.43
Income Funds				
High Income	24.85	26.15*	-0.07	5.37
Income Plus	109.70	116.70	-1.20	3.74
Amer Eq Inc	44.69	47.32	-0.04	1.03
European Income	41.47	44.10	+0.10	2.15
Far East Inc	61.36	65.38	+0.04	2.36
Global Convertible	22.14	23.62*	-0.05	3.76

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Div Grth	23.13	24.60	-0.02	1.26
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	66.60	71.04*	+0.38	...
American	224.00	237.60	+1.80	...
Amer Spec Sits	108.10	115.40	+0.40	...
Japan Smaller Cos	43.30	46.19	-0.22	...
European	161.40	171.70*	+1.40	...
European Opps	61.01	64.87	+0.05	...
Global Priv	23.98	25.50	+0.09	1.40
UK Growth	86.20	91.66	+0.02	...
Growth & Inc	140.80	149.80	+0.50	2.62
Intl PEP	35.36	37.60	+0.06	...
Japan Spec Sits	98.65	105.30	-0.20	...
Japan	203.10	216.30	-0.60	...
Managed Intl	266.30	283.80	+1.00	...
Moneybuilder	51.96	55.25	+0.09	...
Recovery	46.50	49.45	-0.20	..
South E Asia	150.80	160.90*	+0.10	..
Special Sits	503.10	535.00	-0.60	..
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	106.83	106.83	+0.01	4.70

FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD
20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2780

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	134.30	137.50*	...	1.55
Inc Pfolio	83.62	85.20	-0.08	3.68
Cap Pfolio	140.40	143.20	-0.10	0.91
General Opps	119.10	121.20*	...	3.43
Growth Inc	29.90	30.59	-0.03	1.66
Private Portfolio	387.90	396.80	...	1.49

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT
Admin, PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex CM13 2XR Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 010
Hypo Foreign & Colonial

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	109.50	115.70	+0.10	0.54
Emrg Asian	174.00	186.10*	+0.40	...
High Income	21.24	22.62*	+0.01	9.95
Oseas Income	89.22	94.14	-0.22	3.04
UK Growth	105.50	112.80	...	1.66
UK Income	101.90	108.70	-0.10	4.23
US Smaller Cos	275.70	294.90*	+0.50	...

FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
High Inc Eqty	46.37	49.33	-0.14	3.41
-do- Inv Tst Inc	74.92	79.70*	-0.24	4.14
Intl Growth	71.06	75.60	...	1.19
Investment Trust	90.04	95.79*	-0.28	...
UK Smaller Cos	76.68	81.57	-0.06	1.32

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT
071 374 4100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	51.46	55.05	+0.42	...
(Accum Units)	51.46	55.05	+0.42	...
Amer Smllr Cos	437.90	468.20	+1.60	...
(Accum Units)	447.40	478.40	+1.70	...
Capital Tst	300.50	319.60	-0.30	1.57
(Accum Units)	429.20	456.50	-0.40	1.57
Contl Smllr Cos	57.42	61.85	-0.25	0.58
(Accum Units)	60.39	65.04	-0.27	0.58
Convertible	128.20	136.30	...	5.52
(Accum Units)	252.90	268.90	...	5.52
Emerging Markets	81.17	86.71	+0.16	...
(Accum Units)	81.23	86.78	+0.15	...
European	114.70	122.00	-0.20	...
(Accum Units)	120.20	127.80	-0.20	...
Extra Income	319.20	338.40	-0.10	3.94
(Accum Units)	470.90	500.60	-0.10	3.94
Financial	115.00	123.70	+0.30	0.19
(Accum Units)	121.10	130.30	+0.30	0.19
Gilt Trust	60.03	61.91	-0.21	6.45
(Accum Units)	83.83	86.45	-0.31	6.45
Health Fund Inc	119.90	127.90	-0.10	...
(Accum Units)	119.80	127.90	-0.10	
Income & Growth	184.80	196.50	-0.30	3.41
(Accum Units)	271.70	289.00	-0.40	3.41
Intl Growth	346.80	370.50*	-0.20	...
(Accum Units)	385.10	411.40*	-0.20	...
Japan & Gen	189.00	202.10	-0.40	..
(Accum Units)	190.90	204.10	-0.50	..
Managed Port Inc	101.40	106.70		1.43
(Accum Units)	107.50	113.10	-0.10	1.43
Monthly Income	156.90	166.80	-0.30	3.98
Quarterly Income	50.96	54.20	-0.19	4.46
(Accum Units)	53.69	57.11	-0.19	4.48
Recovery	336.80	360.10	-0.70	0.04
(Accum Units)	396.50	424.00	-0.70	0.04
Uk Growth	50.25	52.70	...	2.76
(Accum Units)	51.95	55.55		2.76

FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS
Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd, Pmth
Dealing: 0705 881530 Enqs: 0705 881342

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
FP Equity Dist	367.60	391.00	-1.50	3.05
-do- Accum	767.10	816.00	-3.10	3.05
FP Euro Gth Dist	134.90	143.50	-0.20	0.20
-do- Accum	140.70	149.60	-0.20	0.20
FP Fixed Int Dist	127.70	135.00*	-0.30	7.26
-do- Accum	231.10	244.40*	-0.60	7.26
FP Intl Gth Dist	91.45	97.28	+0.08	0.49
-do- Accum	95.32	101.40	...	0.49
FP Nth Amer Dist	176.60	187.80	+0.50	0.83
-do- Accum	193.70	205.10	+0.60	0.83
FP Pac Basin Dist	316.90	337.10	+0.70	0.03
-do- Accum	323.30	343.90	+0.60	0.03
Stewardship Dist	319.40	339.70	-1.00	2.10
-do- Accum	386.20	410.80	-1.30	2.10
Stwrdshp Inc Dist	69.94	74.40	-0.01	3.71
-do- Accum	89.37	95.07	-0.01	3.71
N Am Stshp Dist	94.00	100.00	+0.54	0.62
-do- Accum	99.55	105.90	+0.60	0.62
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	105.60	112.30	-0.50	0.88
Opcn Cap Gth Acc	109.10	116.00	-0.50	0.0
Cap Gth Inc Inc	101.60	108.00	-0.50	1.71
Cap Gth Inc Acc	103.30	109.80	-0.50	1.71
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	103.50	110.10	-0.50	1.66
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	105.10	111.80	-0.50	1.66
NM Unit Trusts				
American	41.51	44.15	-0.02	1.44
Australian	310.70	333.30	-0.70	0.0
Conscience	69.12	73.76	-0.11	0.44
European	193.50	205.80	+1.40	0.65
Extra Income	69.00	73.63	-0.14	6.03
Gilt & FI	55.05	58.23	-0.10	6.37
Gold	55.73	59.92	-0.62	0.0
Income	52.86	56.38	+0.43	3.95
Intnl	32.24	34.40	+0.07	0.62
Jap Smaller Cos	399.50	426.10	+0.70	0.0
Sing & Malaysian	263.60	282.60	-4.30	0.0
Smaller Cos	29.42	31.63	+0.61	0.59
Special Sits	34.36	36.94	+0.03	1.86
Sterling Deposit	100.40	100.40	...	4.80
Tokyo	92.34	98.49	+0.03	0.0
UK Equity	165.00	176.00	-0.40	2.20
US Smaller Cos	106.50	113.90	+0.40	0.0

GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
PO Box 237, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 106/7

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
GANDA	226.90	240.00	-1.00	2.46
Cash	49.61	50.35	...	3.77
Growth Portfolio	76.57	81.16	-0.31	0.71
Income Portfolio	61.74	65.29	-0.22	4.52

GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD
Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567
Dealing: 071 626 9431

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Spec Sits	165.60	177.20	+0.40	.
European	540.10	577.70	+0.80	0.47
Far East & Gen	286.60	306.60	-2.30	...
Germany	116.90	123.90*	-0.30	...
Income Inc	144.70	154.80*	-0.30	4.56
International	337.00	360.50	-0.40	0.19
Intl Income	77.23	81.90	-0.12	4.21
Japan & General	417.60	444.40	-0.80	..
Korean Securities	77.41	82.80	-0.85	..
Smllr Cos Div Inc	46.12	49.33	-0.13	4.82
UK Capital (Inc)	162.90	174.30	-0.20	1.00
UK Spec Sits	81.83	87.52	-0.11	0.65
US & General	129.50	137.80	+0.80	...
Wwide Spec Sits	156.40	167.20	+0.50	...

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Digs only: 0277 264 421
Investor Services: Freephone 0800 289 336

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	45.26	48.41	-0.11	2.44
Cash Trust	134.96	134.96	+0.01	4.88
Practical Inv Inc	110.80	118.50*	-0.27	3.50
UK Index	140.38	142.81*	-0.17	3.24
UK Smaller Cos	113.80	121.71*	-0.18	1.31
Income Funds				
Preference Share	23.38	25.00*	-0.02	9.80
High Income	32.05	34.28	-0.03	5.31
UK Equity Income	131.64	140.79*	-0.01	3.62
Global Bond	26.66	27.64*	-0.05	5.39
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	58.34	62.40	-0.03	...
Global Inc & Gth	129.25	137.50*	-0.02	1.96
Gold & Intl Res	122.52	131.04	+1.21	...
Global Utilities	131.71	140.76	-0.17	1.08
Overseas Funds				
American	132.88	141.47	+0.02	0.99
European	94.27	99.96	+0.29	0.99
Euro Sel Opps	134.33	142.92	+0.42	...
Amer Emerging	91.56	97.93	-0.01	...
Hong Kong	139.10	148.76	-0.12	1.45
Japan	256.63	271.64	-0.17	...
Pacific Growth	227.83	243.67	+0.20	1.28
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	205.17	205.17*	-0.41	2.13
Long Term Bal	222.84	223.84*	-0.42	2.68
Med Term Bal	188.25	188.25*	-0.37	3.43
UK Equity	225.42	225.42	-0.87	2.69
UK Emerging Cos	136.66	136.66	...	2.23
American	214.66	214.66*	-1.47	1.52
Japan	132.38	132.38*	+0.10	..
European	244.89	244.89*	-1.20	0.98
Index Linked Gilt	162.61	162.61	-0.08	2.96
Fixed Interest	150.37	150.37	-0.25	6.84
Amer Emerging	236.96	236.96	-5.19	...
Pacific	245.75	245.75	-0.02	0.59
Emerging Mkts	172.01	172.01	-0.85	0.11
Index Strat Japan	156.97	156.97	..	0.23
-do- Pacific Rim	190.55	190.55	...	1.00
-do- Contl Europe	141.38	141.38	-0.41	1.94
Index Strat USA	122.39	122.39	...	2.51
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	96.80	102.98	-0.20	...
Med Term Bal	89.41	95.12	-0.19	..
Long Term Bal	100.21	106.61	-0.20	..
UK Equity	104.11	110.76	-0.42	...
UK Emerging Cos	64.04	68.13	...	...
American	100.26	106.66	+0.06	...
Japan	63.56	67.62	+0.05	...
European	102.58	109.13	+0.25	...
Fixed Interest	75.74	80.58	-0.13	...
Index Linked Gilt	72.10	76.70	-0.03	...
Deposit	78.94	83.98	...	...
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Int Grth	122.57	129.02	-0.36	...
Berkeley Income	109.91	115.69	-0.32	2.30
BWH Intl	136.56	143.75*	-0.46	0.59
Brcliff Gth Port Inc	59.13	62.41*	-0.31	1.25
-do- Inc Port Inc	54.60	57.63*	-0.18	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	52.44	55.35	-0.22	0.50
Shaw Utilities	57.29	60.45	-0.08	2.55

GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT
GAM Sterling Management Ltd
12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
& Intl Inc	532.06	566.02	-0.50	0.85
European Inc	142.19	151.27	..	0.92
Amalgmtd Inc	145.49	154.04	+2.20	..
N America Inc	310.56	330.38	-13.08	..
Far East Inc	365.28	388.60	..	..
UK Divid Inc	172.76	183.79	..	1.30

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7888

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Inc	86.36	90.96	-0.21	4.73
UK Small Cos	45.62	48.70*	-0.06	0.92
British Growth	51.00	53.90	-0.13	2.48
American Gwth	153.57	164.25	+1.26	..
Japan Gwth	82.57	88.31	+0.03	..
Greater China	195.34	208.92	+0.13	..
Pacific Strategy	175.23	187.41	-0.43	..
European Gwth	82.80	88.13*	-0.37	0.12
Intl Growth	143.90	153.91	+0.18	..
US Index (E)	12.51	13.18	+0.10	3.50
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	72.63	74.94	-0.20	2.23
Monthly Income	37.64	40.16*	-0.13	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 955 0033				
Grd UK Index (E)	10.06	10.60	-0.10	3.60

GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF
071 488 1212

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Small Cos	89.85	95.58	-2.86	1.23

GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE
071 538 9668

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	136.70	136.70*	..	4.37
European	462.60	494.20	-1.90	0.10
Gilt & Fixed	123.10	130.60	-0.20	5.07
Growth Equity	320.30	342.20	-1.50	1.95

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trust	124.00	132.40	-0.60	3.11
International	178.90	190.60*	-0.10	...
Japan Trust	134.30	143.40	-0.60	...
Nth American	245.50	262.20*	+0.50	0.25
Pacific	564.90	603.50*	+4.30	...
Guardhill	469.30	501.30	-1.30	1.98

GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD
5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE
071 522 2129

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
EMU Trust	98.59	102.32	-0.50	7.01
Global High Inc	97.17	100.84	-0.34	7.31
Prem Fixed Int	98.80	102.55	-0.34	8.74
Eqty & Bond Inc	97.74	103.92*	-0.43	5.06
European Growth	97.98	104.17	-0.52	...
Intl PEP Trust	57.62	61.27	-0.39	...
High Income	118.10	125.57	+1.17	4.01
Recovery	370.40	393.80*	-2.50	1.43
St Vinc High Inc	124.13	125.99	+3.22	6.93
Tmp Bar Emer Co	244.70	260.20	-0.10	1.47
Tmp Br Sm Co In	361.30	367.70	-0.40	1.93
Glob Priv Tst	90.75	96.49*	+0.01	1.24
Inc Share Tst	91.15	96.92*	-0.41	8.20

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Model Pfolio	195.40	207.30	-0.90	2.65
Smaller Cos	32.57	34.63	-0.04	0.95

HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT
PO Box 2357, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET
Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772

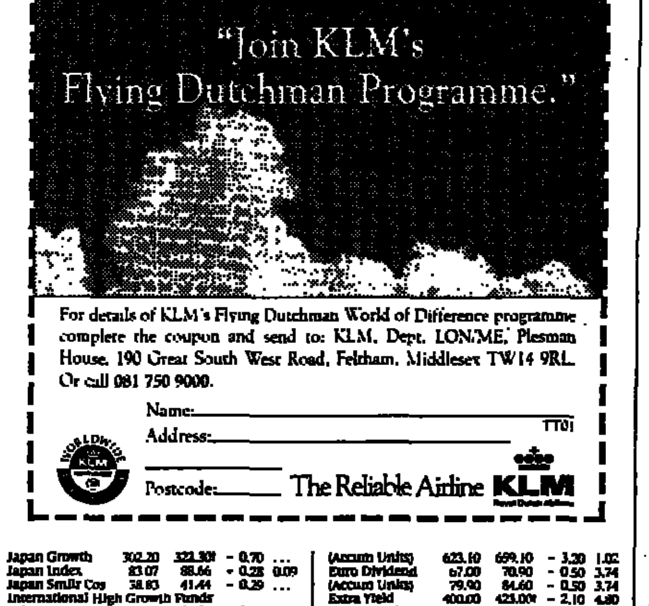
	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Funds				
Special Sits	281.68	301.39*	-0.07	1.45
Best of British	60.97	64.81	-0.04	2.68
UK Smaller Cos	120.86	129.91	-0.17	1.28
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	266.10	283.37	-0.03	3.17
High Income	306.25	327.37*	-0.35	4.07
Extra Income	266.68	283.61*	-0.21	5.92
Pref & Gilt	42.66	45.85*	-0.14	9.44
International				
International	267.10	284.90*	+0.27	0.07
Global Bond	50.77	53.96*	-0.08	5.53
Family of Funds	80.51	86.16	-0.30	0.12
Global Tech	141.54	151.36	+1.68	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	187.99	201.03	+0.78	...
European	450.88	478.39*	+1.25	0.51
European Income	78.34	83.08	-0.06	2.73
Euro Smlr Cos	146.48	156.87*	-0.41	...
Eur Sp Sits	67.46	71.76*	-0.13	0.10
Japan Trust	231.61	246.29	+0.63	...
Japan Special Sits	259.56	276.31*	-0.38	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	274.83	292.36*	+0.27	..
North American	221.30	236.10	+0.87	0.37
American Smaller	98.52	105.31*	+0.07	..
Henderson Tr Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	52.33	55.46	+0.03	...
Eur Sp Sits	58.14	61.62	-0.12	...
General Growth	41.01	43.47	-0.03	...
Global Tech	55.37	58.69	+0.66	...
Income Growth	40.43	42.85	-0.01	...
Japan Growth	28.33	30.02	+0.07	...
Overseas Growth	39.02	41.36	+0.04	...
Smaller Cos	21.56	22.85	+0.04	...
Special Opps	28.65	30.36	-0.05	...
Wwide Sp Sits	48.69	51.61	+0.05	...

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	94.35	100.90	..	1.80
Capital	166.80	178.30	-0.30	1.49
Dollar	322.20	344.50	+0.80	...
European	219.20	234.40	+0.40	...
Far East	327.00	349.70	+1.10	0.15
Financial	778.20	832.20*	...	1.33
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.54	25.52*	-0.04	7.92
High Yield	100.70	107.70	-0.30	4.22
Income & Growth	137.10	146.60	-0.20	3.51
International	248.30	265.50	+0.10	..
Japanese General	216.10	231.10	...	..
Japan Tech	89.35	95.56	-0.03	..
Nat Resources	78.47	83.92	+0.73	...
Portfolio	69.68	74.52	..	1.58
Security	310.70	332.20	.	1.76
Smaller Cos	121.50	129.90*		1.07
Special Sits	143.20	153.10	-0.30	1.53
UK Emerging Cos	87.54	93.62*	+0.07	0.54
US Smaller Cos	72.84	77.97	+0.03	...

HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
6 Bevis Marks, London EC3A 7QP
Advisers: 0800 181 890 Inv: 0800 289 505
Dealing: 071 955 5055

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Funds				
Capital	550.90	587.90*	-2.10	2.16
Income	536.30	572.40*	-1.0	4.26
Footsie Fund	51.06	54.02	...	2.67
Trixie Index	108.80	116.10	-0.20	1.88
UK Index	133.10	142.00	...	3.06
International Funds				
America Growth	453.90	484.40	+1.90	0.63
American Index	186.60	198.90	+0.80	1.37
Balanced	...	...	...	...
European Growth	109.00	116.00	+0.80	...
Eurotrack 100	149.40	158.90	+0.40	1.09
Global Bond	19.96	21.07	-0.03	7.30



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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Japan Growth	302.20	323.30*	-0.70	...
Japan Index	83.07	88.66	-0.28	0.09
Japan Smllr Cos	38.83	41.44	-0.29	...
International High Growth Funds				
Asian	58.07	61.97	+0.22	0.15
Hong Kong Gwth	101.40	108.20	+0.40	0.77
Spore & Mlysn Gth	80.22	85.61	-1.17	...
Tiger Index	212.20	226.50*	+0.10	0.22

INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR
071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	28.61	29.69	-0.04	1.08
General Funds				
Managed	70.13	72.79	-0.02	2.44
Rupert Child Fnd	80.58	83.64	-0.17	2.42
UK Growth	57.29	59.46	-0.12	2.31
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.33	50.33	+0.01	4.22
Cashbox (Acc)	58.45	58.45	...	4.22
UK Extra Inc	81.49	84.58	-0.08	5.44
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.45	26.24*	-0.07	7.97
UK Inc & Gwth	38.49	39.95*	-0.04	4.01
UK Income	321.90	334.10*	...	3.67
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	47.35	49.04*	+0.16	0.23
Amer Smllr Cos	102.60	106.40	+0.40	...
(Accum Units)	103.70	107.60	+0.40	...
Europe Gth	147.20	152.40	-0.20	...
(Accum Units)	152.20	157.60	...	...
Euro Smaller Cos	28.11	29.17*	-0.04	...
French Growth	75.31	78.17	-0.67	...
Accum Units	80.68	83.74	-0.72	...
H Kong & China	85.31	88.55	+0.54	1.62
Intl Growth	56.60	58.75*	+0.04	0.57
(Accum Units)	57.06	59.22*	+0.03	0.57
Japan Gth	36.53	37.91	-0.01	...
Accum Units	36.53	37.91	-0.01	...
Japan Smaller Cos	46.40	48.16*	+0.12	...
Glob Emg Mkts	117.20	121.60	...	...
Accum Units	118.10	122.50	+0.10	...
SE Asia	340.00	352.90	+1.00	0.11
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	50.79	52.32	-0.07	5.07

JUPITER UT MGRS LTD
197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB
071 581 3020

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Cap	131.80	140.10	-0.10	...
Income	142.19	151.26	-0.39	3.96
UK Growth	52.47	55.81	-0.15	0.96
International	83.32	88.63	+0.02	0.25
Ecology	77.26	82.18*	-0.12	1.31
European	115.79	122.95	+0.02	...
Far Eastern	337.20	358.70	-1.80	...

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3
Dealers: 071 956 7354

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	48.38	51.47*	+0.06	7.46
Gilt Yield	112.10	118.30*	+0.10	7.02
Global Income	211.10	224.60	-0.42	4.05
High Yield	132.70	141.20	+0.21	6.24
Smllr Cos Div	51.34	54.62	-0.08	2.91
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	86.11	91.61	..	..
North American	71.02	75.55	+0.19	0.26
European Special	93.41	99.37	+0.26	0.15
European	147.30	156.70	+0.60	0.38
General	259.70	276.30	+0.40	3.26
Japan	438.90	466.50	-1.20	...
Japanese Special	270.50	287.80	-1.90	..
Master Accum	234.00	248.90*	+0.10	1.84
Pacific	348.80	371.10*	+1.80	...
Smaller Cos	108.30	115.20	-0.20	0.55
UK Equity Growth	38.56	41.02	+0.07	1.65

KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS
161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 0LA
071 629 1683

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Inc & Gth	61.20	65.10	-0.15	...
Inv Trust	66.53	70.77	-0.18	...
Cautious Inc/Gth	56.40	60.00	-0.28	0.80
High Inc Acc	53.21	56.60	-0.22	3.50

L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA
071 588 2800

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	563.20	595.10	...	5.60
Intl & General	417.90	426.40	...	...

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT
1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Bridge Income	251.34	267.38*	+0.21	5.59
Inc & Growth Inc	54.91	58.41	-0.01	4.50
Smaller Cos	54.93	58.13*	+0.03	1.41

LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Trust	237.50	252.70	-0.50	2.15
High Income	105.20	111.90	-0.20	4.32
International	98.86	105.20	+0.30	0.98
Recovery Trust	61.56	65.49	+0.23	1.56
European Trust	80.37	85.50	+0.07	1.02
Japanese Trust	45.76	48.70	+0.08	...
American Trust	82.12	87.44*	-0.07	...
Managed	66.18	70.37	+0.12	0.94
Cash	50.83	50.83	+4.28	4.28

LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD
21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0916

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Cap	345.60	351.40	-3.10	2.59
UK Inc/Gth	371.90	377.80	-2.40	3.26

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Income	262.10	266.50	-1.70	4.49
UK Sm Cos	232.10	241.00	-0.50	1.99
Euro Gwth	119.00	120.10	-2.70	...
N Amer Gwth	72.83	73.59*	-0.22	0.12
Japan Growth	70.35	71.09	-0.23	...
Money Mkt	120.83	120.83	...	2.280

LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	451.70	480.50*	-0.50	2.62
Equity Income	95.32	101.40	-0.20	3.86
UK Tactical Allocatn	54.16	57.51*	+0.06	2.75
European	110.70	117.80	+0.10	0.89
Far Eastern	245.90	261.60*	+0.40	...
Fixed Interest	48.81	51.93*	-0.11	7.03
Gilt	85.02	90.16*	-0.18	6.95
Global Growth	78.40	83.40	-0.15	0.11
Intl Bond	49.23	52.29	-0.09	5.13
Japanese	81.68	86.89	-0.22	...
North American	141.00	150.00	+0.60	0.70
Pacific Growth	119.60	127.30*	+0.30	...
UK Index	59.75	63.06*	-0.10	3.17
UK Recovery	87.82	93.43*	-0.24	1.82
UK Smaller Cos	119.00	126.60	-0.10	1.36
US Index	55.90	59.00	+0.19	1.53
European Index	70.54	74.45	-0.11	1.54
Japan Index	43.53	45.94	+0.13	...
Worldwide	83.49	88.82	-0.06	1.33

LINCOLN NATIONAL
1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB
081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	48.23	51.59	-0.01	1.86
Income	57.98	62.01	...	2.89
Far East	56.50	60.43	+0.12	...
North American	84.55	90.43	+1.12	...
Global	91.13	97.47	+0.23	0.13
European	83.71	89.53	-0.04	0.38
Japan	115.10	123.10*	...	...
Intl Currency Bd	54.77	58.10*	-0.10	4.13
SE Asia	112.50	120.30	...	...
UK Cap Growth	88.92	95.10*	+0.21	1.27

LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD
PO Box 63, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YB
Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	328.80	349.80	-1.30	2.89
-do- Acc	737.40	784.50	-2.80	2.89
Contl Euro Gth	60.68	63.88	-0.39	0.70
-do- Acc	64.64	68.05	-0.41	0.70
Extra Inc	251.10	267.20	+3.10	4.07
-do- Acc	637.40	678.10	+8.10	4.07
German Gth	121.20	127.60	-1.60	0.15
-do- Acc	127.10	133.80	-1.60	0.15
Growth Port	529.20	563.00	-1.20	0.13
-do- Acc	538.00	572.40	-1.20	0.13
Income	468.90	498.90	+5.70	3.92
-do- Acc	£12.81	£13.62	+14.00	3.92
Income Port	504.40	536.70	+2.80	4.43
-do- Acc	525.20	558.80	+2.90	4.43
Japan Growth	111.40	118.60	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	111.80	119.00	+0.50	...
Master Trust	56.38	59.98	+0.59	1.45
-do- Acc	62.94	66.96	+0.67	1.45
N American Gen	170.20	181.10	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	196.60	209.20	-0.30	...
NAm Sm Co Rec	131.20	139.60	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	133.90	142.50	-0.60	...
Pacific Basin	266.30	283.30	-0.60	0.57
-do- Acc	282.90	300.60	-0.70	0.57
Small Cos Rec	346.50	364.80	-0.10	2.07
-do- Acc	458.80	483.00	-0.20	2.07
UK Growth	82.78	88.07	+0.89	2.49
-do- Acc	99.45	105.80	+1.00	2.49
Worldwide Gth	312.90	332.90	+0.10	0.22
-do- Acc	461.60	491.10	+0.10	0.22

LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	62.51	67.07	+0.22	0.10
General	83.97	90.09	-0.29	2.30
Income	63.82	68.47*	-0.17	5.80
International	63.77	68.42	-0.06	0.40
Japan	61.49	65.98	-0.17	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	67.99	72.94*	-0.27	1.60

M & G SECURITIES
M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer & General	380.70	402.60	...	0.68
(Accum Units)	472.60	499.80	...	0.68
Amer Recovery	430.30	454.90	+0.50	0.43
(Accum Units)	493.20	521.40	+0.60	0.43
Amer Smllr Cos	123.30	130.30	+0.40	...
(Accum Units)	125.90	133.20	+0.50	...
Australasian	162.40	171.70	...	1.86
(Accum Units)	196.80	208.10	...	1.86
Capital	801.80	847.90	-1.60	2.43
(Accum Units)	911.00	963.30	-1.80	2.43
Charifund	677.70	684.50	-3.50	5.58
(Accum Units)	£30.75	£31.05	-15.70	5.58
Commodity	406.20	429.60	-0.30	0.29
(Accum Units)	595.60	629.80	-0.50	0.29
Compound Grth	900.30	952.10*	-4.30	2.81
(Accum Units)	943.70	998.00	-4.50	2.81
Dividend	39.20	41.50	-0.20	4.37
(Accum Units)	161.10	170.50	-0.70	4.37
Equity Income	340.30	359.90	-1.70	4.89
(Accum Units)	433.10	458.00	-2.20	4.89
Euro & General	493.60	522.00	-2.60	1.02
(Accum Units)	623.10	659.10	-3.20	1.02
Euro Dividend	67.00	70.90	-0.50	3.74
(Accum Units)	79.90	84.60	-0.50	3.74
Extra Yield	400.00	423.00*	-2.10	4.80
(Accum Units)	£12.41	£13.12	-6.60	4.80
Far Eastern	369.40	390.60	+0.60	0.49
(Accum Units)	489.40	517.50	+0.80	0.49
Fund of Inv Tsts	611.40	646.60	-2.20	1.75
(Accum Units)	£11.33	£11.98	-4.20	1.75
General	58.70	62.10	-0.30	3.75
(Accum Units)	161.70	171.30	-0.80	3.75
Gilt Income	58.59	58.70	-0.26	8.18
(Accum Units)	157.93	158.22	-0.68	8.18
Gold	76.30	80.70	+0.50	0.51
(Accum Units)	90.00	95.30	+0.60	0.51
High Income	27.80	29.40	-0.10	4.66
(Accum Units)	109.30	115.90	-0.40	4.66
Intl Growth	77.10	81.50	-0.10	0.98
(Accum Units)	134.30	142.00	-0.10	0.98
International Inc	95.70	101.20*	-0.30	4.57
(Accum Units)	142.10	150.20	-0.50	4.57
Japan & Gen	50.80	53.70	...	...
(Accum Units)	54.50	57.60	...	...
Japan Smlr Cos	179.80	190.10*	-1.10	...
(Accum Units)	181.10	191.40	-1.20	...
Managed Income	26.80	28.10*	-0.20	4.01
Midland	61.40	64.90*	-0.30	3.02
(Accum Units)	205.10	217.00	-0.60	3.02
Pension Ex	900.80	923.40	-3.40	4.35
Recovery	40.60	42.90	...	2.60
(Accum Units)	66.00	69.70	-0.10	2.60
Second General	68.80	72.80	-0.10	3.44
(Accum Units)	175.40	185.70	-0.20	3.44
Smaller Cos	66.30	70.10	-0.10	3.11
(Accum Units)	130.20	137.70	-0.20	3.11
Treasury	25.02	25.07*	+0.02	5.12
Trustee	40.40	42.70*	-0.10	4.52
(Accum Units)	163.00	173.30	-0.40	4.52

MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD
MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing
Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Growth	77.80	82.76*	+0.18	0.67
Intl Bond	60.78	63.90	-0.06	6.29
Intl Equity Growth	69.16	73.56	+0.31	0.50
N Amer Growth	89.94	95.68*	+0.18	0.87
Special Sits Growth	20.74	22.06*	-0.06	1.76
UK Growth	357.10	379.80*	-1.90	2.79

MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD
46 Court St, Haddington, East Lothian
0620 825867

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Joint Investors	£12.84	£13.04	...	2.30

MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY
031 222 4242

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Maldon General	135.40	139.30	...	4.40

MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD
St George's Way, Stevenage
Dealings: 0438 747 414

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Units	188.10	201.20	-1.00	2.53
Gilt & Fxd Int	163.60	172.30	-0.50	6.95
Intl Growth	206.80	220.20	-0.10	0.19
North American	174.80	186.50	+0.50	0.38
Far East	278.70	298.10	+1.10	0.87
UK Smaller Cos	166.10	177.70	-0.40	1.87
European	78.21	83.34	-0.35	0.13
Japanese Growth	50.97	54.18	+0.02	...
High Income	180.20	192.70	-0.70	4.60

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 410, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 688 066

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
M & S Inv Pfolio	145.90	154.80	...	2.17
-do- Accum	165.70	176.30	...	2.17
UK Sel Pfolio	125.00	132.90	-0.15	2.42
-do- Accum	143.70	152.80	-0.15	2.42

MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD
57 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA
0204 364 842

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed Tst	61.89	65.84*	+0.21	4.12

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Crt, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh
031 479 4646

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Income	69.73	74.02*	-0.25	4.57
European	77.68	82.46	-0.70	0.43
Income & Growth	71.30	75.69	-0.32	5.65
Nth American	57.68	61.23	+0.03	0.66
Far East	175.90	186.70	-0.50	..
Japan	60.26	63.97	+0.13	...
Emrging Mkts	117.20	125.30	+0.20	...
Intl Growth	109.60	116.30*	..	0.21
UK Growth	85.06	90.30	-0.47	0.82
UK Smlr Co	44.86	47.62	-0.08	0.99
Asian Opps Fd	41.30	44.17	-0.09	0.12

MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	396.17	421.46*	-0.86	4.24
Global Inc	63.53	67.59*	-0.22	1.06
Brit Leaders	325.56	346.34*	-0.30	2.58
Intl Leaders	190.66	202.85*	+0.58	0.81
PAM Mg Bal Grth	63.19	65.65*	-0.20	0.82

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St EC4R 9AS
Dealing: 071 280 2060

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	190.70	202.60	...	...
(Accum Units)	203.80	216.60	...	...
British Blue Chip	76.28	81.09*	-0.40	3.07
(Accum Units)	94.07	100.00*	-0.40	3.07
Cash	101.00	101.00	...	5.08
(Accum Units)	136.10	136.10	...	5.08
Emerging Mkts	124.90	134.30	-0.30	0.19
European Growth	239.60	254.70	-2.10	0.29
(Accum Units)	258.30	274.10	-2.20	0.29
European Income	79.21	83.92	-0.54	3.42
(Accum Units)	105.50	111.80	-0.60	3.42
General	480.00	512.00*	-2.10	2.43
(Accum Units)	935.70	998.10*	-3.90	2.43
Global Bond	116.90	122.40*	-0.30	6.69
(Accum Units)	140.20	147.40*	-0.30	6.89
Gold & General	244.90	262.90	+2.10	0.34
(Accum Units)	250.90	269.80	+2.20	0.34
Govt Securities	88.42	91.17	-0.18	6.21
(Accum Units)	168.00	173.20	-0.30	6.21
Income	146.90	155.80	-0.30	4.45
(Accum Units)	225.30	239.70	-0.50	4.45
Inc Portfolio	93.59	99.23	-0.22	5.24
(Accum Units)	93.59	99.23	-0.22	5.34
International	456.10	484.80	-2.90	0.33
(Accum Units)	608.30	646.80	-3.60	0.33
Japan	200.70	212.70	-0.20	...
(Accum Units)	206.00	218.40	-0.20	...
New Europe	175.40	187.10	-1.50	0.75
(Accum Units)	179.30	191.30	-1.50	0.75
Pacific	129.30	137.70	+0.90	0.84
(Accum Units)	138.20	147.40	+0.90	0.84
Recovery	293.10	312.60	-0.60	0.83
(Accum Units)	372.70	397.50	-0.70	0.83
UK Smaller Cos	55.76	59.48*	-0.04	0.91
(Accum Units)	63.04	67.26*	-0.07	0.91
Portfolio	77.98	82.95*	-0.23	2.78
(Accum Units)	91.54	97.36*	-0.27	2.78

METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD
3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ
0707 662 233

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Eurogrowth Plus	111.71	118.84	-0.76	0.90
Portfolio	66.00	70.21	-0.13	0.07
UK Income Inc	73.37	78.05*	-0.32	4.80

MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
Deacon Hse, 192 Eyre St, Sheffield S1 3RD
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	57.93	61.96*	-0.09	2.92
(Accum Units)	60.98	65.78*	-0.10	2.92
British Tst	79.83	85.38	-0.17	1.96
(Accum Units)	91.78	98.15	-0.20	1.96
Extra High Inc	65.41	69.96*	-0.22	6.60
(Accum Units)	124.60	133.20*	-0.40	6.60
FT-SE 100 Acc	51.44	54.57	-0.01	2.52
FT-SE 100 Dist	51.43	54.57	-0.01	2.52
Gilt & Fxd Int	52.62	54.75	-0.07	7.05
(Accum Units)	150.10	156.20	-0.20	7.05
High Yield	216.60	231.70	-0.50	5.39
(Accum Units)	529.10	566.80	-1.30	5.39
Income	276.30	295.50	-3.10	3.62
(Accum Units)	601.10	643.80	-6.80	3.62
Money Market UT	49.69	49.69	+0.01	3.85
(Accum Units)	76.62	76.62	+0.02	3.85
Monthly Income	81.66	87.34*	-0.19	6.15
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	95.03	101.10	-0.20	1.94
European Growth	105.90	111.80	-1.30	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	81.44	86.40	-0.12	6.42
Income	81.39	86.48	-0.16	2.96
Japan Growth	56.52	59.92	-0.54	...
Managed	66.07	70.29	+0.02	2.90
Money Market	85.47	90.60	-0.03	4.43
North American	83.03	88.01	-0.62	0.51
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	86.33	91.84	-0.15	1.92
European Growth	99.30	105.30	-1.50	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	77.60	82.33	-0.10	6.38
Income	79.86	84.96	-0.15	3.02
Japan Growth	56.38	59.76	-0.54	...
Managed	63.22	67.25	+0.04	2.47
Money Market	79.03	83.77	-0.03	4.39
North American	75.73	80.28	-0.55	0.61
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	86.38	91.89	-0.18	1.91
European Growth	96.95	102.80	-1.50	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	71.33	75.69	-0.09	6.52
Income	79.04	84.08	-0.16	3.04
Japan Growth	57.71	61.18	-0.55	...
Managed	66.09	70.31	...	2.47
Money Market	73.85	78.28	+0.02	4.45
North American	83.80	88.83	-0.59	0.47

MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
International (US$)	12.70	13.51	...	...

MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT
Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	310.50	330.10	+0.10	...
European Gth Inc	424.30	454.80	+5.20	0.28
Intl Gwth	193.20	206.20	+0.50	...
UK Equity Inc	173.70	185.30*	-0.40	3.18
UK Ind Trckr Inc	152.70	163.40	-0.60	2.75
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	185.30	196.30	+0.50	1.46
Japan Tracker	79.76	84.49	+0.53	...
Asian Trader	214.10	231.40*	+0.20	0.27
Managed Inc	151.50	162.10	...	1.47
Deposit Inc	99.89	99.89*	+0.01	4.98
Europa	174.80	188.80	-1.70	0.26
Genesis	151.10	165.50	...	2.28
High Income	21.51	22.83*	+0.08	10.00

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Acumen	91.67	93.77*	-0.16	2.19
Acumen Inc	86.76	88.75*	-0.16	2.19
Acumen Reserve	80.34	81.14*	-0.17	8.22
-do- Inc	70.11	70.81*	-0.14	8.22
American Growth	162.50	167.20	+0.50	0.91
Cash Income	49.86	49.95	...	4.61
Equity Income	91.92	94.39*	-0.20	4.52
European	69.36	71.00*	-0.46	...
Smaller Cos	75.87	79.32	-0.09	1.17
Olympiad	67.82	69.44	-0.06	...
Global Bond	41.83	42.30	-0.08	6.54
UK Growth	88.75	91.30	-0.20	1.68
Pacific Growth	116.00	120.00	+0.30	...
Japan Growth	100.10	101.70	+0.50	...

NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Avon Equity	117.18	124.66	+0.59	2.89

N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF
061 237 5322

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth	71.63	76.21	-0.06	2.10
UK Income	105.60	112.40	-0.10	3.90
Gilt & Fixed Int	66.18	70.04	-0.17	6.56
Higher Income	213.90	226.50	-0.40	4.87
Smaller Cos	76.85	81.76*	-3.11	2.02
International	93.82	99.81*	-0.11	1.90

NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD
48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Americas Dist	99.43	106.34	+0.47	...
European Dist	106.70	114.10	+0.30	...
Far East Dist	192.10	205.50	+0.80	...
Global Cure Dist	65.20	69.73	-0.08	1.75
Oseas Dist	£10.20	£10.91*	+1.70	...
UK Dist	331.10	354.10	...	2.75
UK Extra Inc Dist	74.75	79.95	+0.01	4.35
Wwide Dist	104.70	111.90*	+0.20	...
Wwide Inc Dist	68.67	73.44*	+0.02	2.12

NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Europe Inc	61.93	65.36	-0.01	0.69
Fund of Funds Inc	57.31	60.49	-0.05	0.86
North America Inc	47.32	49.94	+0.10	0.52
UK Equity Grth Inc	56.79	59.94	-0.09	2.09
UK General Inc	54.87	57.91*	-0.13	2.59
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	45.21	47.60*	-0.08	7.37
UK Income Inc	55.49	58.56	-0.16	3.07

NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD
71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR
Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private client: 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000
Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 00 00

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	220.29	234.36*	...	3.67
Global	338.48	360.09*	...	0.71
General	182.60	194.26	...	1.88
Bond	111.88	118.78	...	6.30
Growth	119.25	126.87*	...	2.55
Intrepid	116.87	121.74	...	1.85
Bridge Fund	84.15	89.53	...	...
Distributor	88.06	93.69*	...	3.35

NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS
PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich
0603 682 234

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Master Trust	118.83	126.40*	-0.10	1.85
UK Equity	132.55	141.01	-0.17	3.10
UK Equity Income	127.34	135.47	-0.27	3.32
UK Smaller Cos	114.40	121.70	-0.25	1.68
UK Equity Growth	123.27	131.14*	-0.12	2.26
UK Index Trckg	133.41	141.93	-0.94	3.55
Intl Index Trckg	140.22	149.17*	+0.49	1.07
International	228.67	243.27*	+0.84	0.41
European	188.78	200.83	+0.50	0.28
Pan European	127.22	135.34	+0.54	1.43
Nth American	155.87	165.82	+1.33	0.51
N Amer Smlr Cos	172.08	183.06	+0.38	...
Japanese	100.97	107.41	-0.16	...
Pacific	244.49	260.10	+0.38	0.02
South East Asian	269.36	286.55*	+0.86	0.40
Intl Bond	123.79	131.61	-0.12	4.36
Gilt & Convertible	101.49	107.89	+0.16	5.93
Property	85.26	90.70	+0.06	5.01

PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity	233.20	248.10	-0.90	2.55
Growth	149.80	157.60	-0.60	2.65
Income	228.00	242.50*	-0.90	3.79
Intl Equity	243.10	258.50*	-0.30	0.87
UK Income	63.82	67.89	-0.23	3.42
UK Intl 25	79.59	81.46	-0.29	2.00
New Europe	75.60	80.42	-0.73	0.33

PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	600.20	642.03	-0.69	0.36
Income	325.66	348.31*	+1.01	3.51
Wwide Recovery	381.31	407.82	+0.54	0.14
Amer Growth Inc	209.68	224.26	-0.14	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	244.87	261.90	+0.06	0.01
Far Estn Grth Inc	296.89	317.53	-0.34	0.01
Euro Gwth Inc	135.89	145.34	+0.25	0.60
UK Growth Inc	84.18	90.04	+0.13	2.82
High Income	90.31	96.59	+0.26	4.34
Jap Gwth Inc	242.55	258.61	-1.05	0.01
PEP Growth	117.09	125.23	+0.11	0.69
Asian Sir Mkts Inc	132.66	141.89	+0.38	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	127.44	136.30	+0.78	0.01
Global Bond	52.55	55.33*	-0.01	6.36
UK Smaller Cos Inc	77.38	82.76	+0.04	1.16

PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ 091 281 3927

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	98.57	104.86	-0.66	...
European	69.20	73.62	-0.56	...
Global	66.77	71.03	-0.31	...
Pacific	66.21	70.44	-0.29	...
UK Inc & Grth	62.91	66.93	-0.13	2.07

POINTON YORK UT MGRS
The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX
0533 550 540

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
BRI Director Digs	97.03	104.29	-0.69	0.35

PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Portfolio	157.04	166.30	...	0.64

PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458 721

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Monthly Income	57.31	60.74	+0.12	2.46
Growth Income	60.20	63.81	-0.07	2.10

PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN
0732 740 700

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Principal Tst	126.87	134.97	+0.01	1.72

PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, EC4N 8LD
Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Income	87.01	92.56	-0.89	3.69
Conv & Gilt	111.10	118.20	-0.10	6.18
European Income	69.75	74.20*	-0.24	2.94
Extra Income	144.50	153.70*	-0.80	3.94
Far East	411.10	437.40	+0.60	0.25
Global Income	24.86	26.44	-0.05	4.66
High Income	109.90	117.00*	-0.56	3.62
International	204.50	217.50*	-0.90	0.51
Pref & Fxd Int	40.12	42.66*	-0.06	7.65
Recovery	72.06	76.66	-0.25	2.47
Special Sits	102.20	108.70	-0.20	1.27
Technology	323.60	344.20	+1.70	...
UK Blue Chip	66.30	70.53	-0.29	2.93

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX
0622 674 751

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	51.30	54.57	-0.74	2.18
International	88.21	93.84	-0.16	0.38
Gilt	24.41	25.16	...	6.51
Income & Gwth	68.86	73.26	-0.13	4.78
European	49.71	52.98	-0.07	0.44
American	50.90	54.15	-0.22	...
Emerging Mkts	89.62	95.34	-0.09	0.03
UK Smaller Cos	29.26	31.13*	+1.67	2.25
Gilt/Fixed Interest	24.68	26.25*	-0.08	6.94
Global PEP	38.00	40.42*	+0.16	1.21

PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD
2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA
0256 768 888

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Inc	261.10	280.70	...	0.81
Japan Inc	113.20	121.00*	-0.60	...
Nth American Inc	105.00	113.00	+0.70	0.12
Worldwide Inc	162.80	175.20*	-0.90	0.75
Hong Kong Inc	139.90	150.20	-1.00	0.97
Swiss Equities Inc	64.46	69.02	+0.12	0.36
Wwide Bond Inc	58.39	61.79*	-0.08	5.51
Emrging Asia Inc	232.40	253.50	+0.50	0.42
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.39	50.39	...	4.93
Thailand Inc	173.40	186.90	+2.00	0.20
Gold Trust Inc	87.20	93.95	+0.67	0.21
New Zealand Inc	82.07	88.29*	+0.32	1.50
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	62.99	67.93	+0.04	0.65
Latin Am Cmp Inc	92.87	100.00*	-0.20	0.01
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	56.35	60.48	-0.03	2.97
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	80.05	85.61	-0.43	1.50
Global Portfolio	72.56	77.60	-0.27	...
Global Opps	74.49	79.67	-0.16	0.42
Marsh Global Grth	67.22	71.28	-0.15	1.91
AAM Global Equity	53.42	56.62	-0.27	0.76
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	83.69	90.54	+0.03	0.98
CAM Int Recvy Inc	45.27	47.53	...	1.04
Temple Equity Inc	43.41	47.44	-0.18	3.05
Hartley Growth	72.06	76.38	-0.04	0.26
Intl Growth Inc	85.19	91.11*	-0.63	0.75
IPS Portfolio Inc	86.68	92.71	-0.38	0.22
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	45.47	47.17	-0.02	2.73
Premier Perfmn Inc	66.04	72.77	...	0.70
Roxborough Strat Gth	74.04	79.19	-0.20	0.34
Tech Analysis	98.61	104.90*	-0.30	0.29
Rosebery Growth	52.42	57.78	+0.06	...
International Strat	78.83	84.31	-0.61	...
UFC Ind-Act Gth	54.22	58.66	-0.26	...
Covertdale Topper	51.71	55.91	-0.53	...
Prem Equity Inc	108.70	114.40	...	...
Lowes Intl Growth	44.93	47.29	+0.14	1.25

PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA
071 588 3963

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Gth	164.50	175.00	-1.20	1.66
European Gth	95.65	101.30	-1.20	0.17
Income & Gth	128.50	136.70	-0.90	3.02
Japan Gth	127.50	135.10	+0.10	...
Nth Amer Gth	110.50	117.60	...	0.18
Overseas Gth	88.60	94.18	+0.02	...

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL
081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4314 Pricechek: 0426 925 091

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed Tst	35.64	38.11	+0.02	1.57
Cash Haven Inc	101.41	101.91	+0.01	4.43
Cash Haven Acc	110.18	110.72	+0.01	4.43
Dist Trust Inc	92.35	98.76*	-0.11	4.49
Dist Trust Acc	94.39	100.95*	-0.11	4.49
Global Growth	85.92	91.89	-0.01	1.21
Equity Inc	78.92	84.40	-0.11	3.64
Equity	695.23	743.56*	-0.85	2.31
European	203.88	218.05	+0.69	0.72
High Income	85.39	91.32*	-0.12	5.15
Intl Gth	175.61	187.81	+0.49	1.26
Intl Sm Co	75.71	80.97*	+0.27	0.50
Japanese	229.76	245.73*	-0.08	...
Nth Amer	154.19	164.99	+0.01	1.78
Pacific Mkts	104.49	111.75	+0.60	0.32
Premier Inc	46.13	48.02*	-0.09	5.10
Sm Cos	83.74	89.56	-0.02	1.23
Spec Sits	103.35	112.67	-0.04	2.22
UK Growth	116.02	124.08	-1.18	2.30

RELIANCE UNIT MGRS. LTD
Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent
0892 510 033

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British Life	290.80	308.40*	-1.40	3.39

ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD
Bulman House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2555

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed	93.77	99.49	...	2.15

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4
Dealers: 071 280 5000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
FA America (Inc)	485.38	516.53	+1.32	0.39
FA America (Acc)	567.46	603.88	+1.55	0.39
FA UK Equity Inc	154.13	164.39	-0.65	3.41
FA Japan	276.26	294.33	+0.90	...
FA Major UK Cos	91.86	97.80	-0.50	2.25
FA Smllr UK Cos	280.87	305.36*	-0.25	1.17
FA European	311.89	330.98	-2.86	0.40
FA Amer Smllr Cos	42.16	45.38	+0.16	...
FA Asia	51.59	55.39	+0.33	...
FA Jap Smllr Cos	56.68	60.73	+0.03	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	91.88	96.71	-0.49	...
UK Smllr Cos	80.46	84.69	-0.07	...
UK Income	90.66	95.42	-0.37	...
America	97.38	102.50	+0.27	...
Japanese	60.75	63.94	+0.19	...
European	99.63	104.87	-0.90	...
Gilt	83.76	88.16	-0.34	...
Deposit	82.07	86.39	+0.02	...
Managed	95.57	100.59	-0.39	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	89.52	94.22	-0.50	...
UK Smaller Cos	78.66	82.79	-0.08	...
UK Income	88.49	93.14	-0.37	...
America	94.84	99.82	+0.25	...
Japanese	59.19	62.30	+0.19	...
European	97.10	102.20	-0.89	...
Gilt	81.81	87.16	-0.67	...
Deposit	78.16	82.27	+0.01	...
Managed	90.29	95.03	-0.46	...

ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD
PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 0UE
Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000
Dealing: 0733 393 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
United States	71.83	76.74*	+0.49	0.11
Pacific Basin	83.55	89.87*	+0.09	...
High Inc Dist	124.10	132.70*	-0.50	5.02
Ryl Life Int Crncy	56.93	60.53	-0.25	4.34
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	66.56	71.06	+0.03	0.028
Ryl Life Intl Spec	63.75	67.81	+0.11	...
Uk Emerging Cos	123.20	133.10	+0.20	1.16
UK Index Trckg	158.40	168.80	-1.30	3.27
European	124.30	134.00	-0.90	0.29
Managed	142.20	152.90	-0.30	0.83

ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA
0206 764 400

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	137.70	145.80	+0.50	0.30
European Growth	107.80	113.90	-1.50	0.78
Far East Growth	137.70	146.50	-0.80	0.11
Japan Growth	141.80	150.80	-0.30	...
Special Sits	187.20	199.10*	-0.60	1.49
UK Growth	73.50	78.19	-0.50	2.42
Trison General	232.70	247.60*	-1.10	0.61

ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS
041 307 6500

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Far East Inc	179.90	190.40	-0.70	0.04
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	342.40	362.30	-0.10	0.64
Growth Inc	130.20	137.80	-0.40	0.58
International Inc	337.00	356.60	-0.60	0.36
Nth Am & Intl Inc	307.90	325.80	-0.40	0.01
UK Gen Prog Inc	216.90	229.50	-0.20	1.37
UK High Inc Inc	130.40	138.00	...	3.84

SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD
City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DU
071 330 0572

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	61.35	65.26	+0.39	...
Amer Smllr Cos	75.74	80.57	+0.40	...
Asian Gwth	116.94	124.40	+0.54	0.75
European Gwth	66.78	71.03	+0.13	1.00
Global Bd	57.33	60.63	-0.12	5.00
Global Eq	64.72	68.85	+0.38	0.50
Japanese Eq	58.88	62.63	+0.49	...
Japan Sm Cos	69.10	73.60	+0.31	...
UK Gen	52.50	55.85	+0.06	2.80
UK Gwth	56.42	60.02	-0.09	1.76

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
0708 766 966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc & Gwth	63.65	67.93*	-0.02	4.49
Amer Smllr Cos	105.70	112.40	+0.50	...
Asian Smaller Cos	49.64	52.81	-0.25	...
Capital Portfolio	124.30	132.20	-0.60	2.18
Capital	159.10	169.30	-1.10	0.64
Cash	124.70	124.70*	...	4.84
China Dragon	62.47	66.45	+0.35	0.38
Commodity	139.90	148.80	+0.30	0.29
Eastern Discovery	109.50	116.50	+0.40	...
Energy Inds	125.50	133.50	-0.50	0.37
European Gwth	182.20	193.80	-2.0	...
Euro Inc & Gwth	74.03	78.76	-0.75	2.06
Euro Smllr Cos	51.88	55.19	-0.12	...
Financial Secs	194.50	206.90	-0.50	0.58
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	47.18	49.80*	-0.09	8.98
Gold & Exploration	90.63	96.41	+0.21	0.23
High Return	220.40	234.50	-0.80	4.33
High Yield	219.70	233.70*	-1.0	4.01
Income	115.30	122.70	-0.40	4.47
Intl Bond	155.10	163.90*	-0.42	6.01
ITU	205.00	218.10*	-0.70	1.05
Japan Growth	186.60	198.50*	-0.20	...
Japan Smaller	214.90	228.60	-1.0	...
Korea	77.44	82.38*	-0.88	...
Masterfund	56.36	59.96	-0.16	0.29
Scotbits	293.10	311.80	-0.00	0.98
Scotshares	278.60	296.40	-1.80	2.44
Scotyields	232.80	247.70	-1.0	3.81
Select Intl	142.40	151.50*	-0.10	0.47
Smaller Cos Inc	242.90	258.40*	-0.50	3.32
SE Asia	608.00	646.80	+2.80	...
Special Situation	118.60	126.20	-0.80	1.54
UK Equity	236.20	251.30	-1.30	2.98
UK Growth	61.09	64.99	-0.40	1.43
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	46.49	49.46	-0.04	0.71
US Growth	138.80	147.70	+0.40	0.42
Univ Growth	140.30	149.30	-0.30	0.76

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3800

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Retail Funds				
American	234.94	249.93	+0.39	0.86
European Gwth	72.10	76.60	+0.48	1.00
Euro Smllr Cos	75.37	80.39	+0.13	0.22
Far Eastern Gth	103.50	110.40	+0.17	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	49.20	51.89*	+0.01	7.23
Global Bond	47.52	49.11	...	6.45
Global Emer Mkts	59.61	63.58*	-0.04	...
Income	339.85	362.50*	-0.90	3.70
Japan Smllr Cos	529.90	566.22	-2.96	...
Japan Enterprise	74.48	79.44*	+0.11	...
Pacific Gwth	138.96	148.22	+0.26	...
Seoul	55.94	60.43	-0.21	...
Smaller Cos	204.89	218.54	+0.12	1.07
Tokyo	129.14	137.74*	+0.34	...
UK Enterprise	242.21	258.35	+1.54	2.47
UK Equity	231.00	246.40	+0.83	2.69
US Smllr Cos	149.26	159.21	+1.07	...
World Fd	78.56	83.79	+0.19	1.81
Institutional Funds				
European	226.76	236.20	-0.84	1.34
Euro Smllr Cos	28.98	30.18	-0.15	1.61
Global Equity Inc	77.07	80.28*	+0.29	0.84
Japan Smllr Cos	41.66	43.39	-0.11	...
Mngd Balanced	182.48	190.08	+0.20	2.78
Overseas Equity	188.69	196.55	+0.22	0.74
Oseas Smllr Cos	125.57	130.80	-0.21	0.45
Pacific	260.12	270.99*	+0.37	0.06
Recovery	£18.16	£18.91	-1.32	2.87
UK Index	149.98	156.22	-0.66	3.32
UK Small Cos	111.36	116.00	-0.12	2.69
US Smllr Cos	42.67	44.44*	+0.24	0.48

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ
041 204 2200

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Income	47.66	50.76	-0.34	2.46
Equity Trust	58.99	62.40	-0.42	2.28
Equity Strategy	66.46	70.78	-0.46	1.70
European Opps	83.42	88.84	-1.28	0.74
UK Smaller Cos	60.58	64.52	-0.09	1.41
Maximum Inc	98.63	101.19	+0.01	5.78
Japanese	83.01	88.41	-0.06	...
Asia Pacific	130.08	138.54	+0.32	0.61
American	95.45	101.65	+0.64	0.62

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD
28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh [illegible]

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
UK General Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Far East	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ethical Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Blue Chip Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
High Inc Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Global Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.23	[illegible]
Wwide Tact	[illegible]	55.45	[illegible]	[illegible]
Europe 2000 Tact	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Technology	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Worldwide	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN
041 248 6100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.40	[illegible]
UK Str Co Eq Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Select Oppnty Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income Plus Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Far Eastern Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japanese Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
Nth American Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	...	[illegible]
Intl Growth Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wwide Venture Inc	78.78	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU
031 655 3724

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Inc	348.40	371.60	-2.60	3.08
UK High Inc	175.40	187.10	-0.40	3.85
Europe Inc	350.50	373.80	-3.00	[illegible]
Nth Amer Inc	208.20	222.00	-0.30	[illegible]
Global Inc	201.00	214.30	-1.10	[illegible]
UK Spec Sits Inc	93.00	130.30	-0.70	1.06
South East Asia	241.30	257.20	+1.30	[illegible]
Cash Trust Inc	101.30	101.30		4.83
UK Smllr Cos Inc	102.20	109.30	-0.20	2.16
Intl Bond Inc	86.72	92.07	-0.40	[illegible]

SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Sector Recovery	141.10	148.20	-0.50	4.50

SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO
5 Rayleigh Rd Hutton, Brentwood Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	119.50	125.80	-1.70	1.31
Nth American	95.57	100.60	-0.20	0.48
Intl Bond & Conv	121.30	127.70	-0.40	3.08
Pooled Pension (E)	182.20	195.80	...	3.23
Smaller Cos	69.87	73.55	-0.23	1.41
UK General	124.40	130.90	-0.70	2.13

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
21 New St, London EC2M 2HR 071 426 6224

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Gth Fund‡	90.82	...	-0.37	0.0
Amect	114.50	...	-0.18	0.0
European‡	119.80	...	-0.10	0.0
Global Bond‡	92.15	...	-0.27	7.25
Samurai‡	94.45	...	-0.11	0.0
UK Growth‡	101.40	...	...	2.69
Tst Pans	105.80	...	-1.00	0.0

SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS
1 Riding House St, London W1A 3AS
071 637 5377

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	275.30	291.20	-1.60	0.08
Canadian	71.16	75.29	-0.06	0.52
Capital	123.00	131.70	-0.90	1.25
Cash	100.33	100.33*	-0.01	5.13
European	130.60	138.10	-1.00	0.76
Far Eastern	173.60	183.60	-0.40	...
Growth	131.80	139.50	-0.60	1.02
Income	126.00	133.20*	-0.80	4.78
Magnum	131.00	140.40	-0.90	1.24
Smlr Secs	364.40	385.60*	-0.70	0.84
Thoroughbred	152.30	161.30*	-1.00	1.13

SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
12 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth
0202 298 422

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	50.34	50.82	+0.01	4.50
Cntrld Primnce	54.52	58.15	+0.08	2.90
Ethical	53.58	56.99*	-0.10	3.00
European Growth	71.17	75.91	-0.06	2.60
Income	53.92	57.51	-0.06	5.90
Intl Growth	96.38	102.80	+0.20	2.70
Managed	80.07	85.40	-0.09	3.60
UK Growth	59.62	63.59	-0.13	3.40

STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS
PO Box 141 1 Tanfield Edinburgh EH3 5RG
0800 393 777

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	37.78	40.05	-0.20	1.61
Global Advtg Acc	40.28	42.70	-0.20	1.61
Income Advtg Inc	30.39	32.22*	-0.20	3.83
Income Advtg Acc	33.30	35.31	-0.20	3.83
UK Equity Gth Acc	63.50	67.31	-0.40	1.99
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	49.05	52.12	-0.40	1.49
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	35.36	37.57*	-0.20	3.83
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	43.80	46.54	-0.30	3.83
UK Equity Gen Acc	59.66	63.41	-0.40	2.29
UK Equity Gen Inc	44.14	46.90*	-0.30	2.29
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	29.43	31.13*	-0.10	6.72
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	306.30	333.80	-1.10	1.58
Nth American Acc	42.65	45.32	...	0.79
Far East Acc	70.62	75.04	-0.30	...
European Acc	50.60	53.77	-0.60	0.74

STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD
28 King Street, London SW1Y 6QW 071 344 7000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global A (NZ$)	3.845	4.080	...	0.52
US Eqts (US$)	2.425	2.574	...	0.67
Far East Eqts (yen)	245.00	260.20	...	...
Japan Eqts (yen)	268.00	284.60	...	...
FT Europe	120.70	128.10*	...	1.55
FT N Amer (US$)	1.774	1.880	...	0.95
FT Japan (yen)	236.80	251.60	...	...
FT Asia ExJap (US$)	2.613	2.776*	...	0.76

STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	346.30	368.20	+1.10	...
British	975.60	£10.32	-1.90	4.20
Emging Mkts	167.50	178.40	-1.80	...
European	521.70	558.40	-1.30	0.94
Japan	160.50	170.20	-0.60	...
New Pacific	398.70	425.70	+0.20	0.70
Investment Tst	226.60	240.20*	-0.50	1.33
Mngd Equity	168.80	178.60	-0.30	1.44
Mngd Cash	95.64	95.64*	+0.01	4.75

SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 389

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity	791.00	846.00	-0.60	3.28
North America	118.50	126.70	+0.30	0.83
Far East	155.80	166.60	+0.20	...
Wwide Bond	53.57	56.87*	-0.10	5.08
European	100.80	107.80*	+0.70	0.36
Equity Income	88.20	94.87	-0.07	5.03
Portfolio	83.90	89.30	+0.05	1.19
UK Leading Cos	57.93	61.63	-0.01	3.66
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	68.25	72.99	-0.31	...

SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants 0800 525 725

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	33.67	35.80	-0.12	0.36
Managed Assets	125.02	133.72	-0.51	2.70
UK Income	39.45	42.20	-0.16	3.26
UK Growth	37.81	40.44*	-0.18	2.43
Worldwide Growth	35.34	37.80	-0.10	0.65

SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD
101, Cannon St, London EC4N 5AD
Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Discretionary	49.88	53.06	-0.19	...
Cap Protector Inc	41.63	44.52*	+0.12	2.57
UK Income Inc	49.84	53.30	+0.17	3.23
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	31.93	34.15*	-0.10	3.71
Mngd High Yld Inc	72.79	83.20	+0.13	4.24
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	73.01	78.09	+0.21	3.15
UK Smaller Cos	34.09	36.46*	+0.02	1.70
Pacific Grth Port	48.97	52.37	+0.80	0.20

TSB UNIT TRUSTS
Charlton Pl, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE
0264 346 794

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	198.54	211.21	+0.23	...
Brit Growth	93.32	99.27*	-0.07	1.97
European	107.55	114.42	+0.03	0.01
Extra Income	190.91	203.10	-0.30	4.16
Smaller Cos	69.33	73.76*	-0.08	1.49
General	272.76	290.17	-0.41	2.32
Premier Income	48.41	51.46	-0.11	6.50
Income	333.44	354.73	-0.42	3.79
Pacific	449.22	477.90	+0.29	...
International	540.40	574.90*	-0.24	0.05
Nat Resources	173.56	184.64*	+0.61	...
Slctd Opps	102.03	108.55*	-0.09	1.30
Environmental Inv	61.56	65.49	+0.37	2.25
Selector	62.45	66.44	-0.02	2.10
High Income	63.72	67.78	-0.10	4.60
Intl Income	55.95	59.53*	-0.04	5.21
Selector Income	59.38	63.17*	-0.08	4.98

TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 667 1812

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	315.30	331.80*	-0.20	2.70

TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2EH 031 469 4000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Glob Growth Inc	201.26	215.25	+0.02	1.41
Glob Balncd Inc	169.91	181.72*	+0.46	2.84
Value Tst Inc	118.98	127.26	-0.03	1.38

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
33 Queen Street, London EC4R 1AX
071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Dresdner Eur Bd	39.18	41.15*	+0.02	6.30
European Growth	264.90	281.22	-0.19	0.90
Exempt	510.24	534.29*	+0.24	3.00
Global Em Mkts	112.38	119.82*	-0.31	0.60
Japan Tst	86.48	92.12	+0.06	...
Little Dragons	94.61	100.91*	-0.12	...
Nth Amer Gwth	214.09	227.96	-0.22	0.70
Oriental Income	46.92	50.04*	-0.01	4.80
Preference	112.51	120.33*	-0.11	9.10
Tiger	293.44	313.00	+0.40	...
UK Blue Chip	60.63	64.75	...	3.10
UK Growth	491.72	525.90*	-0.10	2.30
UK High Yield	101.22	108.25*	-0.09	3.50
UK Mid-Cap	249.74	267.10*	+0.19	2.00
UK Smllr Cos	99.98	106.92	-0.20	1.30
UK Smlr Cos Div	96.62	103.13	-0.21	4.30

UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 690 336

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Income	94.95	101.01	-0.08	3.00
UK Equity Growth	84.89	90.31*	-0.03	2.34
European	67.38	71.68*	-0.08	1.10
Nth American	66.16	70.38	+0.13	1.22
Far Eastern	72.68	77.32	-0.22	0.56
Money	66.50	66.56	+0.01	3.89
Fixed Interest	69.39	73.82	-0.06	6.61
Index Linked Gilt	64.07	68.16	-0.03	1.39

WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 1551

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Australasian Gold	30.55	32.48	-0.31	...
Pacific Basin	44.99	47.86	-0.21	...
Can Balncd Gwth	23.64	25.14	-0.25	...
Global Bond (US$)	0.87	0.91	+0.00	[illegible]
Penny Share	32.52	34.59	...	[illegible]

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 0062

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Challenger	91.03	94.06	-0.33	...
Short Dtd Gilt	108.60	110.00	-0.10	...
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.73	0.74	...	[illegible]
Gilt Income	48.80	50.78*	-0.07	7.50
Gilt Growth	68.12	70.90	-0.30	...
City Reserve	53.05	53.06	...	4.90

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG
081 298 4000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Stockmarket Fd	76.57	81.41	-0.05	[illegible]

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividends ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
522	380½	Abbey Nat	412	+8	...	4.7	13.8
314	233	Allied Irish	245	+3	...	5.1	9.5
278¼	173	Ans New Z	175	-2	...	5.2	27.5
3300	2037½	Bankamerica	2275	-12½	...	...	...
319	246	Bk of Ireland	281	+2	...	4.6	8.1
267	172½	Bank Scotland	209½	+3½	...	3.2	11.6
640	487	Barclays	570	+3	...	3.7	12.2
37	13½	Carlisle	24½	...	...	1.3	...
630¼	449	Cater Allen	481	...	...	7.3	9.9
174½	126½	Cattles	129½	+2	...	5.1	14.5
2628¼	1843½	Chase Manh	2221¼	+12½	...	...	...
2812½	2162½	Citicorp	2800	+75	...	...	...
285½	103	Close Bros	237 †	-1	...	4.0	∞
£150¾	£121½	Commerzbk	£130¾	-19¾	...	6.3	...
£144¾	£170½	Deutsche Bk	£303¾	+375	...	2.2	...
90	60	First Nat Fin	66½	-3	...	2.8	...
1549¼	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1379¼	+22	...	0.4	∞
515	395	Gerrard Nat	453	-4	22.0	6.1	13.1
1113	650	HSBC	721 †	+6	...	4.2	10.4
1133	680	HSBC HK	723 †	+4	...	4.2	10.5
473	211	Hambros	225	-6	...	8.3	9.2
443	400	Joseph (L)	418	...	...	5.2	12.2
170	106	King Shaxson	115	...	...	9.8	11.4
693	434	Kleinwort Ben	465	...	...	5.2	8.2
660	519	Lloyds	554	...	...	3.2	10.9
119	95	Lon Scot Bk	116	...	...	3.8	17.6
620½	472	Nat Aust Bk	477	-2	...	5.6	10.5
622	448	Nat West	498	...	...	4.9	9.3
573	415	Provident	526 †	-2	...	4.2	16.7
79	51	Rea Bros	61	...	...	1.9	17.1
528	377½	Ryl Bk Scot	426	-1	...	3.5	19.3
1574	1058	Schroders	1353 †	+6	...	1.7	12.4
359¾	229	Stand Chart	277 †	+8	...	2.9	9.5
291	197	TSB	224½	+5½	...	4.5	11.3
199	102	Union	103	...	...	5.5	9.5
1012	569	Warburg SG	649	+5	...	4.2	7.9
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo	9162½	-93¾	...	2.9	...
280	198	Westpac	215	...	...	2.5	∞
390	225	Wintrust	225	...	...	5.7	15.0

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
683	546	Allied Domecq	589	-3	...	4.7	14.4
619	485	Bass	541	+5	...	4.8	14.1
299	258	Boddington	257 †	+1	...	4.0	13.8
459	358	Bulmer (HP)	419	...	...	3.2	24.1
196	166	Burtonwd Brw	187	...	...	3.3	15.6
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	166	+2	...	2.7	23.0
66	46½	Fosters Brewing	56	...	...	4.9	∞
493	380	Fullr Sm 'A'	380	...	...	2.6	15.7
506	375	Grand Met	415	-1	...	4.0	18.0
511	391	Greenalls Grp	416	+1	...	3.8	15.9
584	452	Greene King	529	+6	...	3.0	14.7
542	428	Guinness	464 †	+1	...	3.5	15.3
265	239	Hardy Hanso	264	...	...	4.2	13.5
170	135	Heavitree	150	...	...	3.4	13.5
457	353	Highland Dist	420	...	...	2.2	18.9
3773	3125	Holt J	3650 †	...	...	1.7	20.5
222	127	Macallan-Glen	220 †	...	...	0.7	57.7
695	545	Marstn Mrtn 'A'	685	...	...	1.8	28.2
246	195	Mansfield	234	+1	...	2.4	14.3
314	256	Mrston Thmp	306	+1	...	2.4	16.0
646	514	Matthew Clark	584	-1	...	4.1	13.0
250	113	Maydwn W	114	...	...	2.7	...
545	463	Morland	515	-3	...	2.4	17.2
10¼	7½	Pubmaster	8 †	...	...	3.1	∞
274	209	Regent Inns	261 †	...	...	2.6	∞
1521¾	1000	SA Breweries	1418¾	+62½	...	1.9	23.1
591	477	Scot & New	519	+11	...	4.1	15.4
190	142	Taunton Cider	161	...	...	5.1	12.3
306	229	Vaux Group	238	+1	...	5.0	15.3
421	321½	Wetherspoon JD	413	...	...	2.0	∞
617	494	Whitbread	549	+8	...	4.3	16.0
589	498	Wolvrhmptn D	524	...	...	3.1	14.7
180	141	Yates Bros	165	-1	...	2.3	20.4
535	483	Young 'A'	498	...	...	3.8	19.1

BUILDING, ROADS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	135	Abbey	150	...	...	4.4	10.9
27	12	Albrighton	16	...	...	3.9	15.3
200	148	Allen	169	...	...	3.9	20.0
164	95½	Amec	102 †	+1	...	3.7	58.9
458	332	Ashtead	458	+8	...	1.3	29.0
165	107	Attwoods	113	+1	...	5.5	...
363	274	BPB Ind	314	...	...	3.2	21.2
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	128	...	...	3.1	24.2
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	35 †	...	...	2.5	21.4
88	18½	Barcon	37	+2	...	5.9	4.4
60	38	Bardon	38 †	...	...	6.6	...
292	161	Barratt Devs	174 †	-1	...	4.3	∞
169	122½	Beazer Homes	133 †	...	...	5.1	10.5
304	179	Bellway	196	...	...	4.0	18.4
59	40	Bellwinch	40	-½	...	...	35.2
244	125	Berisford Intl	193	-1	...	...	...
573	383	Berkeley Gp	383	...	...	2.3	15.9
215	118	Best Bros	174	...	...	2.0	8.7
93	60	Blockleys	66 †	...	...	1.7	...
391	262	Blue Circle	287 †	-2	...	4.9	20.4
358	250	Boot (Henry)	250	...	...	3.3	12.6
84	35	Brandon Hire	71 †	...	...	2.6	∞
117	77	Breedon PLC	93 †	...	...	6.2	26.6
154	130	Br Dredging	137	...	...	5.2	16.2
99	78	Brk Fittings	90 †	...	...	3.1	...
197½	120	Bryant	125 †	-1	...	5.0	14.1
149½	111½	CALA	118 †	...	...	3.0	16.3
409	321	CRH	356	-3	...	2.7	18.1
70	31	Cakebread Rby	43	...	...	...	...
42	20½	Costain	27½	+½	...	...	...
185	123	Countryside	128	...	...	4.0	28.4
120	82	Crest Nicholson	85	...	...	2.4	15.8
140	100	Cussins	108 †	...	...	3.9	15.0
30	15	Edmund Hldgs	21 †	...	...	1.8	...
350	273	Epwin	316 †	-1	...	3.1	18.7
82	57	Erith	68 †	-1	...	2.6	38.3
473	328	Eve Group	328	...	...	4.2	13.4
60	27	Galliford	30 †	...	...	4.2	...
112	85	Gibbs & Dandy	93	-1	...	3.6	...
1028	830	Gleeson (MJ)	840	...	...	2.1	∞
218	165	Graham Grp	167 †	-2	...	3.4	16.0
169	139	Hewden-Stuart	152 †	...	...	2.4	17.5
82	4	Hewetson	77	...	...	2.1	...
473	286	Heywd Wlm	286 †	...	...	5.9	16.1
144	91	Higgs & Hill	94 †	...	...	3.3	...
41	2	How Gp	37 †	...	...	2.5	...
32	3	Howard Hldgs	24	...	...	4.2	22.4
100	67	Ibstock	79 †	...	...	1.6	...
25	1	Jarvis	9½	...	...	...	...
138	101	Keller	113 †	...	...	4.2	13.1
428	210	Laing (J)	237 †	+4	...	4.7	21.4
164	95½	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	97 †	+1½	...	8.2	...
146	113	Lon Clydeside	125	...	...	4.8	17.3
173	63	Lovell (Y)	75	...	...	...	...
405	302	Manders	311 †	+1	...	4.0	15.1
213½	130	Marley	136 †	...	...	3.9	16.1
155	125	Marshalls	143	...	...	3.7	17.5
252	196	Maunders (J)	222	...	...	3.1	∞
321	186	McAlpine (A)	200 †	-2	...	4.1	20.3
76½	58½	McCarthy & S	57	...	...	1.1	...
589	359	Meyer Intl	365	-3	...	3.5	16.2
185¾	91	Mowlem (J)	107½	-½	...	2.3	...
202½	95	NSM	105	...	...	...	12.1
196	146	Newman Tnks	157 †	...	...	5.1	19.8
279½	216	Persimmon	221	...	...	5.2	16.6
20	9	Phoenix Timber	12	-1	...	...	...
1800	1450	Pochins	1631¼	...	...	2.5	∞
198	128	Prowting	131	...	...	3.2	40.3
1079	805	RMC Gp	977 †	...	...	2.7	20.2
116	53	Raine Ind	58 †	+1	...	6.5	∞
40	21	Ransom	21	...	...	...	...
640	466	Redland	499 †	-2	...	6.7	21.7
108	70	Ruskel	98 †	...	4.3	5.5	...
185¼	117	Rugby Group	120 †	-1	...	3.6	15.1
288	222	SIG	247 †	...	...	2.8	19.8
61	50	Secure Retire	51	...	...	...	...
67	50	Sevrd-Ree	63 †	...	0.7	3.5	29.6
200	155	Sharpe & Fisher	175 †	...	...	3.1	12.8
365	233	Sheriff Hldgs	365	...	...	1.5	24.3
110	62½	Shorco	110 †	+2½	...	4.5	9.6
245	195	Smart (J)	233	...	...	4.6	20.1
5	1	Starmin	1¼	...	...	...	...
206	121	Tarmac	127 †	...	...	5.4	...
297	151	Tay Homes	180 †	...	...	4.5	∞
183	114½	Taylor Woodrw	116 †	...	...	1.9	28.3
760	538	Tilbury Dougls	563 †	+3	...	7.3	43.2
60	36	Torex Hire	56	...	...	2.0	29.2
370	274	Travis Perkins	298 †	...	...	3.5	18.4
29½	15	Trencherwood	18	...	...	...	...
40½	23	Try Group	25 †	...	...	2.5	...
28	21	Tudor	24	...	...	1.3	...
114	90	Vibroplant	114	...	...	3.9	30.1
170	123½	Wainhomes	129	...	...	4.1	13.9
74	48	Ward Hldgs	60	...	...	4.5	...
63	33	Waterhouse	53	...	...	0.6	∞
545	450	Watts Blake	535 †	-3	...	2.9	20.1
225½	148	Westbury	158	-1	...	4.2	17.6
7	3½	Wiggins	6½	+½	...	...	...
371	332	Wilson Bowdn	353 †	...	...	3.4	15.7
259	171	Wilson (C)	184 †	+1	...	2.9	15.3
349	132	Wimpey G	147 †	+3	...	4.5	22.0
30	16	YRM	16	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	583	ADT	710	+2	...	...	...
488	253	Adam & Harvey	488	+10	...	3.8	6.7
83	58	Air London	65	...	...	6.7	14.2
62	44	African Lakes	57	...	...	1.1	...
140	69	Auto Sec	71	...	...	...	9.2
162	99	BET Ord	105½	-1	...	3.9	17.6
195	115	BNB Res	186	-1	...	3.4	21.5
255	175	BPP	213 †	...	...	5.2	15.2
186	133	BSM	134 †	...	...	6.0	11.4
235	184	Barbour Index	184	...	...	5.8	∞
1½	0½	Black & Edg	1	...	...	...	...
226	150	Brit Data Mgt	178 †	...	...	3.8	∞
31	22	Broadcastle	26	...	...	4.8	12.4
79	58	Brooks Service	60	...	...	3.7	...
117½	87	CRT Gp	90 ↓	...	...	4.5	22.1
238	158	Capita Group	162	...	...	2.2	20.6
59	29½	Castlet Plc	29½	...	...	4.7	10.0
26½	7½	Chiltern Capital	26	...	...	...	...
85	40	Chiltide	40	...	...	...	...
423	292	Chubb Sec	317	...	...	2.5	19.5
65	41	Corp Services	39	-1	...	0.5	22.2
97	48	Cooke Cnsltg	55	...	...	0.9	...
179	140	Dart	164	...	...	2.8	17.5
276	212	Davis Service	230 †	...	...	4.4	15.4
154	96	EW Fax	96 †	...	...	6.4	7.2
34	18	Gardiner	18½	...	...	5.1	8.7
334	261	Hays	280 †	-2	...	2.7	19.1
289	220	Hogg Robinson	223	...	...	4.0	15.6
39	18	Holmes Protectn	23	...	...	...	1.4
365¾	240	Hutch Whamp	270½	+4½	...	2.0	19.9
2690½	1728½	ISS B DKr	1881¼	-47½	...	5.6	2.0
609	395	Inchcape	424 †	-9	...	4.4	14.1
165	138	JBA Hldgs	140 †	-2	...	2.1	14.2
414	254	Johnson Clean	256	...	...	5.3	10.4
8	4	Lep	5½	...	...	...	...
194	141½	Mble Gp	187	...	...	1.5	21.9
1865¼	1156¼	Manpower	1793¼	...	...	0.7	...
115	65	Michael Page	112 †	...	...	2.6	27.5
143	90	Pally	135 ↓	...	...	2.1	35.3
115	83	Penna	84	...	...	8.0	...
89¼	60½	Photobooth	67 †	...	...	6.5	11.5
415	290	RCO	310	+5	...	6.1	10.7
132	97	REA	132	...	...	5.7	27.3
177	104	Reid Executive	165	-2	1.0	0.8	...
153	105	Reliance Sec	151	+1	...	3.9	∞
279	199½	Rentokil	229 †	-3	...	1.6	23.6
195	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	187	...	...	2.7	29.1
392	243	Salvesen (C)	266	+2	...	3.8	13.9
66	43	Scot Pickford	58	...	...	1.9	∞
17½	9	Select App	14	...	...	...	...
307	243	Serco Gp	288 †	...	...	1.6	26.2
130	75	Sherwood Cmp	106	...	...	...	...
130	93	Shorelday	99	...	...	4.0	15.5
146	100	Unigalm	108	...	...	...	∞
338	325	Warner Howard	327	...	...	2.8	15.5
30½	19	Wild Gp	19 †	-1	...	3.3	10.7

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
196¼	115½	Allied Colloids	137	...	...	2.1	22.0
1143	910	Amersham	977	-6	...	2.0	20.5
3½	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£140¾	£100½	BASF DM	£132¾	+30¾	...	7.1	...
373	286	BTP	298	+1	...	4.2	18.9
£160¾	£129¾	Bayer DM	£144½	-118¾	...	6.2	...
171	97	Blagden	136	-2	...	1.6	54.3
131	98	Brent Chems	116½	...	...	4.3	...
598	311½	Brit Biotech	598	+35	...	...	...
13	9½	Card Gp	6½	...	...	...	17.4
199	153	Canning (W)	182 †	...	...	5.0	30.8
580	429	Courtaulds	442	+1	...	4.2	35.7
389	327	Croda	364 †	+1	...	2.9	15.0
143	95	Dryflex	136	...	...	4.3	15.2
283	225	Ellis & Everard	266	...	...	3.6	19.7
62	35½	Euro Colour	60½	-½	...	2.4	21.8
399	337	Halstead (J)	376 †	...	...	2.5	∞
223	152	Hickson	152 †	...	...	6.6	13.6
£153¼	£108½	Hoechst	£136	+35¾	...	5.4	...
250	153½	Holliday Chem	237	...	...	2.5	17.7
868	728	ICI	822½	-½	...	4.2	66.4
843	685	Laporte	713 †	-1	...	3.7	18.0
348	189	Leigh	189	...	...	5.2	17.3
95	46	MTM	83	...	...	0.8	...
2540¾	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2500	+12½	...	1.3	∞
625	428	Pierson Zch	462	+8	...	3.8	∞
598	413	Pierson Zch 'A'	445	+6	...	4.0	∞
250	174	Plysu	174	...	...	5.0	24.9
349	265	Porvair	285 †	...	...	1.9	21.5
66	37	Sutcliffe Speak	37	...	...	6.7	21.9
490	361	Wardle Storeys	412	...	...	5.2	21.6
823	570	Wolstnhlme R	785 †	+2	...	3.0	16.4
483	380	Yorks Chem	393	-1	...	2.6	17.0
336	258	Yule Catto	288 †	...	...	2.8	21.9
869	672	Zeneca	837 †	+3	...	4.1	16.8

DRAPERY, STORES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
249	203	Allders	219	...	...	3.5	16.3
410	307	Argos Plc	330 †	-2	...	3.1	17.4
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	70	+½	...	0.2	...
357	134	Asprey	135	...	...	5.6	6.7
246	176	Austin Reed	242 †	...	...	2.8	12.2
168	137	Beattie (J) 'A'	137 †	...	...	5.7	17.9
150	110	Bentalls	126 †	...	...	2.0	43.7
165	36	Betterware	54	...	...	8.6	5.7
48	35	Blacks Leis	38	...	...	8.0	...
264	195½	Body Shop	231	...	...	1.2	20.2
601	497	Boots	532	+5	...	3.5	21.0
12¼	2½	Brown & Jackson	3½	...	...	...	...
263	210	Brown (N)	236	-2	...	2.3	20.9
74½	51	Burton	67	...	...	3.7	...
245	153	Cantors	153 †	...	...	3.3	∞
520	388	Church	500 †	...	...	3.2	25.5
171	96	Clinton Cards	101 †	...	...	5.8	14.7
287	194	Coats Viyella	204	-1	...	5.1	17.4
170	88	Cray Casuals	88	-2	...	6.1	9.0
903	720	Courts Furnish	730	...	...	1.0	37.2
210	155	Crown Eye	170	...	...	7.0	7.4
137	81½	Dairy Farm Intl	82½	+½	...	4.2	11.9
145	97½	Dewhirst (IJ)	124 †	-½	...	1.7	17.5
287	170	Dixons Grp	194	-7	...	4.3	20.6
11½	7½	ERA Gp	8	+½	...	...	...
11½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	8½	...	...	2.8	...
580	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	...	3.8	27.2
284	181	Essex Furn	186	+1	...	2.6	29.8
326	217	Etam	290	-4	...	3.3	16.0
558	457	Fine Art Dev	498	-1	14.3	3.9	14.2
68	46	Fred Earth	67	...	...	...	...
155	136	Forminster	149	...	...	2.7	∞
278	124	French Conn	244	...	...	...	10.3
78	48	Gent SR	69 †	...	...	4.1	∞
127	85	Goldsmiths Gp	124	+1	...	1.9	22.1
653	524	GUS	563 †	-1	...	2.9	16.6
198	164	Hamleys	165	...	...	3.6	15.7
31	21	Hampden Grp	23 †	...	...	5.4	66.2
70½	13½	Harolstone	15½	...	...	2.6	...
91	64	Honeysuckle	69	...	...	4.5	30.1
227	178	Hse of Fraser	202 †	...	...	3.1	18.2
99	68½	Hughes (TJ)	89	...	...	3.6	14.5
211	173	Jacques Vert	189	...	...	3.0	16.7
779	477	Kingfisher	482 †	-6	...	3.9	12.7
88	61	Leslie Wise Gp	67	...	...	7.5	14.1
435	335	Liberty	340 †	...	...	1.8	...
380	277	Lloyds Chem	316	-7	...	3.8	9.9
184	126	MFI	142	+1	...	3.5	17.8
460½	380	Marks Spencer	424	+1	...	2.7	19.7
680	507	Menzies (John)	510 †	...	...	2.9	12.5
343	238	Moss Bros	338	...	...	2.6	16.5
275	214	Next	242	...	...	3.5	15.0
96	39	Oliver (G)	95½	-½	...	...	29.5
335	255	Oriflame Intl	264	-1	...	4.9	12.0
37	12	Pentos	16½	...	...	...	...
268	188	QS Hldgs	168 †	...	...	3.9	18.4
62	22	Rhino Grp	23	...	...	2.7	21.9
209	140	Rosebys	140	...	...	4.2	16.4
180	92	Sherwood Gp	92 †	...	...	4.1	9.1
132	99½	Sears	108 †	-½	...	4.3	18.3
46	22	Signet Group	23½	-½	...	...	8.1
549	427	Smith WH	454 †	+4	...	4.2	23.4
21	10	Specialeyes	10	...	...	...	...
252	189	Storehouse	219	+1	...	3.1	19.5
198	146	T & S Stores	162 †	+1	...	4.8	11.5
173	114	Tie Rack	121	-1	...	1.8	14.4
265	215	Time Products	237	...	...	4.7	15.7
132	105	Usher (Frank)	121 †	+2	...	7.2	9.2
539	384	Vendome	532	+1	...	1.3	40.9
44	34	Vivat	41	...	...	3.8	10.6
70	33	WEW Group	35	-1	...	2.1	25.8
108	42	Wensum	102 †	...	...	3.5	14.9
129	88	Wickes	90 †	-2	...	1.8	20.2
99½	52	Wid of Leather	79 ↓	...	...	3.1	...
195	138	Wyevale	145 †	...	...	3.9	15.4

ELECTRICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	99	ACT Group	101	-3	...	6.5	9.4
296	248	Acal	294	...	...	3.0	17.8
650	478	Admiral	645	...	...	1.3	19.8
198	163	Alba	183 †	...	...	3.4	15.1
46	34	Alphameric	43	...	...	...	32.8
50	25½	Amstrad	25½	-1½	...	2.5	...
110	73	App Holo	103	...	...	...	...
39	24	Arlen	34	...	...	...	...
94½	78	Astec	84 †	...	...	1.3	17.2
281	128	Azlan	128	-32	...	2.9	10.3
283	239	Beales Hunter	271	...	...	4.5	∞
478	344	BICC	348 †	-3	...	6.9	21.9
535	411	Blick	418	...	...	3.1	16.8
1100	637½	Borland	750	-112½	...	...	...
380	299	Bowthorpe	304	...	...	2.9	17.4
486	353½	BT	390	-2	...	5.4	13.6
21½	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	18½	-½	...	1.7	10.6
79	55	Burnfield	67 †	+2	...	3.5	28.8
543	381	Cable Wireless	409	+2	...	2.5	17.4
35½	24	Chloride	26½	...	...	...	74.1
283	263	CML Micro	269	...	...	2.8	17.2
205	105	Comptr People	195 ↓	...	...	1.6	44.4
202	154	Cray Elect	179½	...	...	1.6	∞
467	412	Critchley	436	+3	...	2.3	19.5
586	454	Delta	454 †	-3	...	4.0	19.4
663	446	Denmans El	598	...	...	1.4	16.7
560	400	Domino	520	-4	...	2.0	22.4
78	63	Dowding Mills	64 †	...	...	5.0	23.4
1635	1220	Druck	1460	...	...	0.9	27.2
589	443	Electrocomps	475	+4	...	2.5	20.7
199½	135	El Data Prc	138	...	...	1.7	12.8
175	133	Electron House	155 †	...	...	2.6	16.0
38½	21	Emess	32½	...	...	0.4	...
451	343	Eurotherm	386	...	...	1.6	22.9
212	162½	FKI	168	-4½	...	2.8	19.4
656	502	Farnell Elec	520	...	...	1.9	21.2
346	286	First Tech	335	...	...	1.3	19.3
283	195	Forward Gp	195	...	...	3.2	11.7
58	14½	Forward Tech	45	...	...	2.1	...
353½	269½	GEC	282	-2	...	4.8	14.2
191	119	Graseby	148 †	...	...	5.1	13.9
14½	10	Graystone	13 †	...	...	2.3	∞
193	125	Ind Control	125 †	-1	...	5.0	∞
388	266	Jones Stroud	348	...	...	3.2	16.6
145	99	Kalamazoo Cmp	125	...	...	3.3	14.1
396	335	Kenwood App	380	...	...	3.0	18.2
298	221	Kewill Sys	256	...	...	2.4	11.1
165	38	Kode	60	...	...	8.3	...
35	19	LaserScan	20	...	...	...	...
143½	68	LBMS	100	-3	...	...	...
171	107	Life Sciences	142 †	+1	...	3.6	14.1
321	266	Logica	299 †	...	...	2.1	∞
45	45	LPA Ind	55	...	...	3.6	...
216	110	MR Data Magt	118 †	...	...	5.9	∞
723	421	Macro 4	423 †	...	...	5.9	11.9
281	210	Mervier-Sw	265	...	...	2.0	20.6
1320	790	Micro Focus	855	+17	...	...	10.3
178	115	Microgen	117	+2	...	7.7	11.7
45	31	Microvitec	37	...	...	...	...
548½	425	Misys	426	...	...	...	...
494	185	Mitel	223	...	...	...	...
188	143	MMT Comp	175	...	...	3.0	17.9
360	250	MTL Inst	320 †	...	...	1.7	19.3
148	109	Murray Ent	114 ↓	...	...	2.2	...
2746¼	2284¼	NYNEX	2384¾	+6½	...	...	...
128	53	Neotronics	53	-3	...	6.1	11.5
60	48	Newmark (L)	48	...	...	...	...
439	279	Norbain	439 ↓	+1	...	0.6	21.1
100	47	Northamber	91	...	...	1.1	38.6
9½	4½	Oceonics	4½	...	...	...	...
31	24	Orbis	24	...	0.5	2.7	∞
358	277	Oxford Inst	309	...	...	2.0	18.2
84	60	P & P	71	...	...	3.9	17.6
98	74½	Peek	79	...	...	5.5	19.6
235	166	Pegasus	165 †	...	...	3.8	16.6
1115	4750	Philips Fn 4%	£100	...	...	5.8	...
2175	1400	Philips Lmp	2000	+3½	...	0.9	9.1
440	230	Phonelink	230	...	...	...	...
359	293	Pifco	355	...	...	1.6	24.3
344	283	Pifco 'A' Vtg	335	...	...	1.7	23.0
180	70	Plasmec	125 †	-1	...	3.8	...
129	100	Pressac	110	-2	...	2.9	22.5
303	181	Psion	254 ↓	...	...	1.4	17.8
261	187	Racal Elect	245	+5	...	2.2	30.1
50	33	Radamec	49	...	...	4.9	13.2
48	22	Radius	41 †	...	...	1.1	...
169	73	Real Time	156	-1	...	3.2	∞
311	229	Roxboro	231 †	...	...	2.4	16.9
615	502	Sage Gp	605	...	...	2.1	16.3
94	77½	Sanderson Elec	80	-1	...	4.5	...
89	15½	Scantronic	16	-1	...	0.6	∞
296	162	Scholes Grp	253	...	...	0.8	∞
435	310	Sema Gp	435 †	...	...	2.0	26.2
270	245	Servomex	266 †	...	...	3.1	23.4
49	35	Silvermines	35	...	...	2.9	20.8
94	63	Soundtracks	65	...	...	4.6	14.7
3225	2265½	TDK	2865½	+12½	...	1.1	∞
19	11	TDS Circuits	11½	...	...	...	...
101	51	TGI	89	-2	...	2.8	16.6
170	80	Telemetrix	89	...	...	1.4	11.4
318	191	Telspec	316 †	...	...	1.0	38.2
1165	963	Thorn EMI	998	-9	...	4.3	20.4
230	133	Thorpe FW	217 †	...	...	1.8	∞
41	22	Total Systems	35	+1	...	...	36.4
303	215	Tunstall	251	...	...	1.8	18.0
363	256	Unitech	348	...	...	2.4	27.2
16	8½	Verity	9	...	...	...	...
31	21½	Vistec	21½	...	...	2.3	11.7
230	157½	Vodafone	207	+6	...	1.7	27.1
483	395	Volex	403	...	...	5.6	17.7
200	60	Wakebourne	94	...	...	...	...
31	20	Western Selecn	25	...	0.2	1.2	...
335	258	Wholesale Ftgs	258 †	...	11.7	5.7	∞

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
787	537	East Midlands	703	+3	...	4.0	55.5
866	566	Eastern Grp	739	+8	...	3.9	16.2
477	308	Hydro-Elect	325	...	...	4.0	10.3
753	531	London Elec	687	+11	...	4.1	10.5
871	635	Manweb	774	+10	...	3.9	9.3
840	547	Midlands Elec	732	+13	...	4.0	11.2
520	404½	National Powr	485	+6	...	3.2	12.0
858	589	Northern Elec	757	+9	...	4.1	9.5
421	329	Nthn Ireland	369	-7	...	3.9	10.1
850	587	Norweb	760	+8	...	3.8	10.0
602	449	PowerGen	554	+3	...	2.9	12.2
486	325	Scottish Power	357	+4	...	4.3	11.3
453	299	Seeboard	398	+6	...	3.7	10.5
840	591	Sth Wales	765	+6	...	4.2	10.4
804	551	Sth Western	725	+6	...	4.1	9.6
837	540	Southern Elec	720	+8	...	3.9	11.4
795	532	Yorkshire Elec	689	-1	...	4.3	13.4

FINANCE, LAND

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	51	Aitken Hume	51 #	...	...	2.5	...
165	79	BWD	96	-1	...	5.5	7.8
125	96	Baltic Plc	125 †	+2	...	2.0	7.9
215	163	Bisrec Inv	168	+3	...	...	...
757	623	Caledonia	683	...	...	3.0	16.9
2660	1900	Camellia	2381¼	-43½	...	1.7	6.4
363	310	Candover	329 †	...	...	4.3	...
212	179	Exco	184	...	...	5.8	10.0
465	383	Govett	397	+2	...	4.9	6.2
250	195	Ivory Sime	236	...	...	4.0	18.4
428	150	Johnson Fry	168	...	1.5	1.1	...
245	138	Lon Forfaiting	154 †	-1	...	7.5	9.6
57	44	Manakin	51	...	...	...	...
29¼	8½	Nat Home Loan	16½	-½	...	...	0.4
58	16	Newmarket	16 †	...	...	...	...
365	247	Rathbone Bros	263	...	...	4.0	13.0
29	21½	Rutland Tst	28 †	...	...	4.0	14.2
369	281½	S & U	332 †	...	...	4.1	10.8
114	75	Singer & Fried	80 †	...	...	4.9	10.3
1260	798	Sotheby's	803	...	...	3.5	34.7
188	116	S/P Capital	122	...	...	3.0	7.8
224	143	Towry Law	143 †	-1	...	1.9	∞

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2037½	1628½	Amer Express	1887½	...	...	...	...
154	124	Brewin Dolphin	140	-3	...	5.2	10.3
229	157	Cartmore	169½	+½	...	2.9	19.6
1309	849	Henderson Ad	914	-3	...	6.0	14.6
251¼	151	Invesco	154 †	-2	...	3.0	25.3
317	214½	Jardine Strat	238½	+1½	...	3.2	10.3
323	218	MAI	234 †	-1	...	4.2	12.7
117¼	89½	MAI 5½% Cv Pf	92½	...	...	...	...
770	538	MAM	605	-8	...	4.6	14.1
1243	794	M & G	913	-12	...	3.8	19.1
496	324	Smith New Ct	337	-1	...	3.7	2.8
65	25	Trio Hldgs	31	...	...	6.0	14.1

FOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	491	AB Food	529	+4	...	3.5	10.4
68	50½	ASDA Group	62½	-½	...	3.5	14.3
368	265	Acatos & Hutch	283	...	...	3.8	11.3
74	43	Albert Fisher	44	-3	...	11.0	14.3
315	227½	Argyll	270	+1	...	5.3	11.8
270	220	Banks (S C)	220	...	...	5.5	8.4
373	305	Barr (AG)	370	...	...	2.3	23.9
72	42	Bensons Crsp	44	...	...	0.1	...
481	378	Booker	411 †	-2	...	6.7	15.1
56½	48	Borthwick	51	...	...	3.2	21.8
505	413	Brake Bros	427	...	...	2.1	15.3
43	24	Budgen	25	...	...	5.0	15.9
201	156	CPL Aromas	201	+5	...	1.9	19.2
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	443 †	-1	...	4.3	14.7
232	143	Carrs Milling	188	...	...	3.0	10.2
169	130	Cranswick	150	...	...	6.9	12.5
17	11½	Cullens	14	...	...	...	...
154	90	Dalepak	114	...	...	1.6	∞
543	389	Dalgety	423 †	...	...	6.2	11.2
87	50	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.7	...
294	212	Devro	221 †	-3	...	3.5	14.9
101	55	Everest	56 †	...	...	5.6	∞
394	344	Farepak	344	...	...	2.4	19.6
8½	5½	Farringford	5½	...	...	...	...
85	68	Finlay (James)	78	...	...	6.8	10.3
108	87	Fyffes	105	...	...	1.7	18.0
371	189	Geest	194	-1	...	5.3	...
20½	14	Global	14	...	...	4.5	12.6
68	38	Grand Central	48	...	...	...	...
194	119	Hazlewood Fds	128	+1	...	6.5	7.8
196½	151	Hillsdown	174	...	...	6.4	12.2
28	16	Hobson	23½	...	...	...	...
211	133	Iceland Group	170 †	+8	...	2.9	10.6
111	93	JLI Group	97	...	...	6.2	13.7
656	523	Kwik Save	565	...	...	4.1	9.9
376	138	Low (Wm)	364	...	...	2.9	12.1
127	85	Matthews (B)	116 †	...	...	2.9	13.9
18	9½	Merchant Retail	9½	...	...	3.6	...
149	99	Morrison (W)	135 †	...	...	1.0	15.8
246	205	Nichols (JN)	241 †	...	...	3.0	15.5
271½	193	Nlan Foods	202	...	...	5.4	9.9
14	9	Nrthmbra Fn	12	...	...	...	...
232	177	Nurdin Peack	177 †	...	...	4.7	9.8
146	89½	Park Foods	124	...	...	2.4	25.1
81	62	Perkins Food	79 †	...	...	7.0	13.3
141	109	PizzaExpress	114½	...	...	2.2	∞
5½	1½	Regina Hlth	1½	...	...	...	...
480	342	Sainsbury J	397	-2	...	3.3	14.0
96	73	Senior Farm	81	...	...	3.5	8.2
122	71	Sims Food	84	-1	...	11.2	∞
467½	392	Tate & Lyle	427	-2	...	3.9	10.6
255	200½	Tesco	234 †	...	...	4.3	11.7
198	162	Thorntons	178 †	...	...	3.4	∞
238	145	Treoar	216	+5	...	2.4	17.6
434½	323	Unigate	345	...	...	6.3	9.7
388	301	Utd Biscuits	305 †	+1	...	6.3	24.9
21	7½	Usborne	8	+½	...	5.2	5.9
422	279	Watson& Philip	375	...	...	4.9	15.2
49	34	West Trust	34 †	...	...	9.2	23.8

HOTELS, CATERERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
40	26	Abrdn Stk H	34	...	...	...	...
94	76	Cty Centre Res	78	...	...	2.9	15.8
285	209½	Forte	235 †	+1½	...	4.0	27.8
207	169	Friendly Hotels	180	...	...	4.0	29.8
177½	142½	Jurys Hotel	167½	-2	...	4.1	15.0
217½	151	Ladbroke	154 †	+½	...	2.8	27.2
109¼	78½	Mandarin Ornti	79½	...	...	3.9	21.5
31½	18½	Ryan Hotels IL	28	-1	...	4.7	15.7
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	943	...	...	0.5	...
92	60½	Stakis	81½	...	...	1.8	29.3

INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	34	AAF Inds	42	...	...	...	...
544	392	AAH	402	-3	...	5.6	14.3
185	119	AIM	190	...	...	3.8	40.0
138	70½	APV	71½	...	...	7.7	...
220	157	ASW	192 †	...	...	3.9	...
202	151	Adwest	151 †	-5	...	6.2	15.4
21½	14	Aerospace Eng	18½	...	...	5.1	52.5
312	223	Airsprung	244	...	...	2.5	15.2
230	150	Alendra W	150	...	...	4.9	15.7
11½	5½	Allied Radio	5½	-½	...	...	...
341	283	Alumasc	341 †	...	...	2.2	∞
73	27½	Alvis	35	+2	...	3.6	26.3
780	705	Amber Ind	780	...	...	3.2	16.2
65½	43½	Amberley Gp	54	...	...	2.3	29.5
81	43	Anagen	59	-4	...	...	...
95	47	Andrews Sykes	68	...	...	...	...
380	199½	Anmilagusta	359	+1	...	1.2	28.9
62	48	Armour	51½	...	...	4.5	∞
175	158	Ash & Lacy	158 †	...	...	5.1	16.3
6	3½	Ass Br Eng	4½	...	...	1.4	58.8
639	474	Avon Rubber	539	...	...	3.8	23.4
297½	245	Assoc Nursg	245	-3	...	1.0	14.3
553	400	Atlas Equip	533 †	...	...	5.2	17.8
125	66	Ayrshire Metal	113	+2	1.5	1.7	...
236	173	BBA	191 †	-½	...	2.9	...
193	115	BLP Group	163 †	...	...	0.8	44.7
51	24½	BM Gp	45½	...	...	...	...
767	627	BOC	683	-1	...	4.2	28.8
86½	59½	BSG	62 †	...	...	6.5	38.8
578	495	BSS Group	519	...	...	4.3	21.7
401	299	BTR	308 †	-1	...	5.1	16.3
176	138	BWI	145	...	...	6.0	∞
40½	26½	Babcock	31½	...	...	...	...
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...	...
270	216	Baird (Wm)	222	...	...	5.1	18.6
568½	368½	Barlow	496½	+12½	...	0.6	...
81	64	Baynes (Charles)	78 †	+1	...	2.8	20.0
29½	17	Bearing Power	23½	...	...	4.0	14.9
95	23	Beaufort	32	...	...	...	...
95	28	Bedford (W)	32	...	...	...	...
18½	8½	Benson Group	10½	-½	...	4.0	∞
393	243	Bespak	276	-3	...	4.6	14.2
91	49	Bibby (J)	51	...	...	4.9	...
228	124	Billam (J)	124 †	...	...	5.3	7.7
39	26	Bilston Batsea	36	...	...	...	...
15	9½	Bimec Ind	6½	...	...	...	...
283	243	Birkby	246	...	...	3.0	18.1
48	30	Black Arrow	41	...	...	7.9	10.0
290	233	Black (Peter)	262	...	...	2.1	18.8
280	135½	Bluebird Toys	217 †	+2	...	3.5	6.4
329	262	Bodycote	311	...	...	2.2	21.1
40	28	Bogod 'A'	28	...	...	3.1	∞
75	43	Booth Inds	61	...	...	...	...
28½	17	Boustead	26	...	...	3.8	∞
524	409	Bowater	449 †	-3	...	3.6	16.9
1865½	1378½	Bowater Inc	1781½	+6½	...	...	...
297	248	Boxmore Intl	280	...	...	1.8	17.9
28	15	Brasway	15½	...	...	4.3	15.8
370	288	Brammer	340 †	...	...	4.8	18.9
31	16	Bridgend Gp	16	...	...	1.6	...
171	120	Bridon	156	...	...	3.2	...
97	74	Bridport-Gndry	96	...	...	2.9	...
57½	44½	Brierley Inv	49½	-1½	...	8.8	∞
235	180	Br Bldg & Eng	180	...	...	5.7	∞
134	70	Br Bloodstock	74	...	...	...	66.4
515	435	Br Polythene	445 †	-½	...	3.4	15.6
172½	121½	Br Steel	158½	-½	...	1.6	58.7
176	45	Br Thornton	45	...	...	16.7	3.9
309	219	Br Vita	233 †	+1	...	4.0	17.3
180½	131	Britton Grp	131 ↓	...	...	2.4	19.3
988	773½	Broken Hill	903	-5	...	2.2	38.0
125	80½	Bromsgrve Ind	98½	-½	...	6.2	11.5
18½	9½	Brooke Tool	12½	...	...	...	...
71	40	Brown & Tawse	48	...	...	...	...
186	135	Bullough	146	...	...	5.2	24.0
16	7	Business Tech	8	...	...	...	...
22	14	CI Group	15	...	...	3.5	...
54	31	Campbl & Arm	42	+2	...	...	...
39	11½	Cannon St	16½	...	...	...	6.3
488	398	Cantab Pharms	398	...	...	...	...
278	237	Cape	237	...	...	5.8	15.1
455	254	Caradon	274 †	+5	...	4.0	18.2
215½	128½	Caradon pf	135½	+3	7.2	6.7	...
293	248	Cardo Eng	250	...	...	4.5	16.3
10	6	Care UK	6½	...	...	...	...
2446½	1890½	Carnaud Md	2178½	-40½	...	2.2	16.8
104	80	Cassidy Bros	85	...	...	4.0	10.9
155	110	Castings	140	...	...	2.3	17.2
66	31	Cathay Intl	31	...	...	...	...
233	191	Celltech	206	-1	...	...	...
230	155	Chamberlin Hill	160	...	...	5.1	10.1
636	636½	Charter	769	+3	...	3.7	21.9
360	272	Chemring	294	...	...	3.9	15.5
62	46	Chieftain Gp	56	...	...	7.8	11.2
246	152	Christies Int	170 †	...	...	1.5	30.0
80	60	Clayhithe	73	...	...	4.5	∞
668	403	Cohen (A)	540	...	3.4	0.8	...
297	232	Community H	248 †	...	...	4.0	∞
283	187	Concentric	187	...	...	4.0	15.5
310	240	Cook (Wm)	271	...	...	3.5	13.0
285	227	Cookson	241 †	+2	...	3.4	21.8
117	81	Copymore	115	...	...	4.5	16.3
167	112	Crown Fir 'A'	112 †	...	...	6.4	25.1
157	108	Cosalt	134	-1	...	5.8	...
285	190	Creighton Nt	194	...	...	5.0	∞
44	30	CrestaCare	33 †	-1	...	2.9	...
2062½	18½	Dana	1637½	+12½	...	...	...
388	269	Danka Bs Sys	294	-4	...	0.6	25.1
296	198	David Brown	217	...	...	3.8	15.1
1021	825	De La Rue	993	+9	...	2.5	21.1
162	133	Denby Group	154	-1	...	2.5	15.0
52	32	Dinkie Heel	34	...	...	5.2	9.8
628	445½	Diploma	459	...	...	3.4	18.4
97	70	Dobson Park	80	...	...	5.9	15.8
134	94	Dyson (J&J)	94	...	...	4.7	∞
97	76	Dyson 'A'	76	...	...	5.8	∞
16	12	EFG	15	...	0.1	0.8	9.8
442	364	EIS	390	...	...	4.0	15.5
25	15	Elbief	16	+1	...	...	...
53	25	Eleco	32	...	...	...	...
3756½	2300	Electrolux 'B'	3237½	+53½	...	1.3	54.7
91	69	Elliott (B)	86	...	...	1.4	13.4
447½	321	Eng China Cl	354 †	-5	...	5.7	17.0
146	96	Environmed	120	...	...	0.2	...
3781½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3781½	+106½	...	1.0	32.6
86	56	Eurocopy	63	-1	...	3.6	18.6
118	60	Expamet	102 †	-1	...	3.2	72.3
402	334½	Fairey Group	379 †	-2	...	2.1	20.0
148	109	Fenner	125	...	...	8.4	...
110	82	Ferraris Group	88	...	...	3.0	13.0
45	34	Ferrum	34	...	...	...	...
78	50	Fife Indmar	60	...	...	5.7	8.8
157	107	Fionis	116	+3	...	3.0	...
60	37	Flexitbon	42	...	...	11.0	...
303	263	Flogas	300	...	...	2.8	12.4
51	38	Folkes Group nv	44 †	...	1.5	4.3	...
126	94	French (Thomas)	95	...	...	4.8	18.8
264	205	Frost Group	235 †	...	...	2.9	23.7
88	77	GEI Intl	82	...	...	2.3	23.0
660	587½	GKN	611 †	+4	...	4.2	35.7
70	49	GR Hldgs	55	...	...	4.1	...
134	91	Garton Eng	127 †	...	...	4.6	34.4
191	117	Gestetner	117	...	...	2.6	...
66	49	Gleves	60	...	...	2.1	38.5
725	520	Glaxo	590 †	+½	...	5.7	14.4
46	25	Glenchewton	25	...	...	...	...
404	321	Glynwed	338	+9	...	4.4	19.6
209	125	Goode Durrant	192	...	...	3.9	15.1
186	105½	Grampian Hdg	105½	-½	...	6.6	19.2
596	475	Granada	514	-6	...	2.2	20.3
85	71	Green (Ernst)	80 †	...	...	9.4	∞
15½	10½	Greencore	10½	...	...	4.0	14.3
85	61	Haden MacLn	70 †	...	...	3.6	18.1
122	90	Hadleigh	139	...	...	2.1	13.9
76	59	Halkin Hldgs	65	-1	...	...	50.7
320	143	Hall Eng	147 †	...	...	6.8	11.5
256	204	Halma	223	...	...	1.3	26.2
73	47	Hampson Ind	66	...	...	3.8	12.6
302	224	Hanson	226	-2	...	6.6	20.2
161	122	Harris (Philip)	141	...	...	6.1	17.4
220	152	Harrisn Crsfld	169 †	...	...	6.7	19.2
191	121	Havelock Euro	186	...	...	2.0	22.2
48	28	Hay (Norman)	28	...	...	...	...
50	33	Headway	34 †	...	...	2.6	26.4
511	284	Hepworth	297 †	+1	...	6.2	16.9
205	130	Hewitt (J)	130	...	...	3.1	...
75	52	High-Point	55	...	0.5	1.1	...
184½	137	Hill & Smith	148	+6	...	4.9	16.1
191	88	Holders Tech	95	...	...	7.9	10.3
63	39	Hopkinsons	52 †	...	...	3.1	...
216	176	Hornby	180	...	...	6.2	15.7
103	78	Howden	85	...	...	3.6	13.6
292	234	Hozelock	247	...	...	3.0	17.6
265	161	Hunting	162	...	...	7.7	32.1
513	402	Huntleigh Tec	420 †	...	...	1.6	19.6
379	286	IMI	301	+3	...	4.2	25.6
138	110	ISA Intl	117 †	...	...	1.8	14.6
165	39	Intercare Gp	39	...	...	11.2	4.2
325	284	Isotron	284 †	...	...	2.1	∞
710	409½	Jardine Math	516½	+½	...	2.7	12.1
628	488	Johnson Matth	559	+2	...	2.5	22.3
51	37	Johnson & FB	39½	...	...	1.1	...
294	149	Johnston	284	...	...	2.0	33.7
32	25	Jones Shipman	30	...	...	...	...
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	30	...	...	4.2	29.3
191½	146½	Kalon	146½	-1½	...	3.8	13.9
315	230	Kelsey Ind	315	...	...	3.2	...
875	730	Kershaw (A)	865	...	...	4.0	39.8
276	163	Kleeneze	168	...	...	0.7	37.3
444	341	Laird	343 †	...	...	4.0	16.1
170	145	Lilleshall	156 †	-2	...	3.8	16.3
239	205	Lincat	223 †	...	...	3.9	∞
408	313	Linton Park	398 †	...	...	5.5	11.4
14	4½	Lionheart	5½	-½	...	4.8	11.9
20½	15	Locker (T) A	16½	...	...	1.5	∞
152½	74	Lon Ind	83½	-½	...	...	...
175½	124½	Lonrho	134	-½	...	3.7	36.8
438	364	Low & Bonar	413	...	...	3.1	16.5
49	38	ML Hldgs	38	...	...	2.8	13.2
67	49	MS Intl	49	...	...	6.4	29.6
70	45	MY Holdings	54	...	...	3.8	∞
271	221	Macfarlane	269	...	...	1.9	21.7
539	418	McKechnie	432	+3	...	4.3	20.7
127	100	McLeod Russel	111	...	...	6.9	17.3
104	69	Magnolia	69	...	...	0.2	...
179	129	Mang Bronze	145 †	...	...	3.4	∞
26½	18½	Marling	25	...	...	3.3	44.8
231	166	Mayborn	186 †	...	...	4.0	12.4
64	53	Mayflower	57 †	...	...	3.1	23.2
187	120	Medeva	168 †	-2	...	2.2	13.5
120	71½	Meggitt	73 †	+½	...	6.7	11.8
120	101	Metalrax	107 †	...	...	4.4	17.8
128	99	Metrotect	102	...	...	4.2	13.8
133	99	Mersec	132 †	...	...	2.6	18.4
134	69	Midstates	76	+5	...	...	10.6
6	3½	Middlesex Hlds ♠	5½	...	...	...	...
589	540	Molins	540 †	-3	...	3.7	10.9
408	317	Morgan Cble	319 †	+1	...	5.0	15.5
217	176	Morris Ashby	210	...	...	3.6	∞
51	34	Neepsend	36	...	...	4.3	16.8
80	42	Nestor-BNA	47 †	...	...	8.4	11.6
274	214	Nobo Gp	225 ↓	...	...	3.3	14.5
212½	119	Norcros	125	+1	...	7.0	22.4
35	26	Novo Group	26 †	-1	...	0.9	∞
64	49	OMI Intl	50	...	...	4.4	...
175	153	PCT	155 †	...	...	6.0	∞
91	66	Pacer Systems	71 †	...	...	6.2	25.7
46	31	Pascoe's	40	...	...	...	...
123	84	Pentland	100 †	-1	...	3.6	19.8
310	207	Photo-Me	240 †	-1	...	2.5	∞
208	162	Pilkington	191	+3	...	2.6	...
55	38	Plant & Gen	55	+1	...	4.1	∞
185	82	Plasmbrook	173	...	...	2.5	20.4
185	126	Polypipe	129 †	-1	...	2.2	∞
44	16	Porter Chadburn	39	...	...	...	...
341	218	Powerscreen	297	...	...	3.1	13.3
23½	16½	Prospect Inds	16½	...	...	6.3	8.7
77	56	RPS Group	68 †	...	...	4.8	12.3
108	60	Radiant Metal	80	...	...	...	...
447½	355½	Rank Org	416	+2	...	3.8	26.7
71	13	Ransomes	60	...	...	...	...
714½	528	Reckitt Colm	588 ↓	+9	...	3.8	14.9
95	70	Record	85 †	...	...	5.3	19.1
5½	3½	Reece	4	...	...	...	...
291	211	Relyon	257	...	...	2.6	46.9
309	268	Renishaw	303 †	-1	...	2.8	∞
185	126	Renold	178	...	...	1.8	24.7
539½	424	Reuters	465	+8	...	1.8	23.3
90	72	Rexmore	76	...	...	4.1	7.7
194	138	Ricardo Group	145 †	...	...	5.2	17.6
73	53	Richard (Leics)	53	...	...	5.4	37.2
104½	82½	Richardson West	83	...	...	4.9	18.2
164	118½	Ropner	134 †	...	...	7.0	15.2
34	7½	Ross Gp	9	+1	...	2.8	...
195	157	Rotork	169 †	...	...	3.3	17.2
190	137	Rubicon	137 †	...	...	4.2	15.5
103	62	Russell (A)	91 †	...	...	3.1	18.7
42	34½	SEP Indl	35	+½	...	3.2	16.5
1459½	1071½	SKF 'B'	1157½	-6½	...	...	...
272	186	Scapa	211	-½	...	3.5	18.0
210	145	Scholl	154 †	...	...	5.2	14.8
295	242	Scolla	262	-7	...	...	...
1543	1146	Securicor	1403	...	...	0.3	36.2
1069	785	Securicor 'A'	954	+1	...	0.4	23.6
892	606	Security Serv	769	+1	...	0.9	24.4
150½	72	Senior Eng	85 †	+3	...	5.0	13.9
356	291	Seton Health	348	...	...	2.3	17.7
180	138	Shiloh	158	+2	...	2.8	10.5
351½	193½	Sidlaw	196 †	+2½	...	7.0	9.7
630	500	Siebe	526	-4	...	2.6	16.9
378	194	Silentnight	235	+3	...	4.3	14.6
196	137	Sime Darby	165	-3	...	3.3	17.1
130½	75	Simon Eng	102½	...	...	...	...
244	178	Sinclair (Wm)	178 †	...	...	5.0	∞
82	35	Six Hundred	81	...	...	2.3	...
199½	136½	Smith & Neph	143½	...	...	4.4	15.9
465½	357½	Smithkline	421	+3	...	3.7	16.3
421	322	Smithkline Uts	382	+7	...	4.1	14.8
527½	411	Smiths Ind	451	+4	...	3.7	17.0
104	41	Stnn Bus	50	...	...	9.3	7.8
280	155½	Spandex	254	-4	...	1.2	20.4
443	337	Spirax-Sarco	436 †	...	...	2.8	18.5
81½	42½	Spring Ram	44	...	...	1.4	...
267	197	Staveley	202	-1	...	5.1	60.5
267	197	Sterling Ind	239	...	...	3.3	21.5
230	165	Suter	167 ↓	...	...	7.0	16.1
604	438½	Swire Pacfc 'A'	444½	+6	...	2.0	∞
178	149	Sytrone	158	...	...	3.9	17.5
455	343	TI	365	...	...	3.9	20.2
44	31	TLS Range	36½	+½	...	3.4	14.7
402	330	TT Group	347 †	...	...	2.4	∞
292	192	Takare	227	...	2.0	1.1	19.8
852½	656	Takeda Chem	786½	+7½	...	0.8	14.8
121	92	Tinsley (E)	119	...	...	5.9	19.4
220	177	Titon	177	...	...	3.0	18.0
283	204	Tomkins	212	-1	...	4.4	13.6
124	74½	Trafalgar H	86	+2	...	1.5	...
105	45	Transfer Tech	56	...	...	7.5	7.8
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	133	...	...	6.6	∞
313	256	UniChem	272 ↓	...	...	3.1	15.5
440	345	Unidare	305	...	...	3.5	16.6
54	33	Unigroup	36	...	...	...	...
1247	958	Unilever	1140	+3	25.0	2.7	16.4
8118½	6490½	Unilever (NV)	7350	+31½	...	2.9	14.8
18½	12	Utd Inds	15½	...	...	0.8	...
1328	980	VSEL	1320	+20	...	3.4	12.6
31½	12	Verson	14	-½	...	...	...
204	163	Vickers	170½	+7½	...	2.6	18.0
327	242	Victaulic	242	...	...	4.2	13.3
19	9½	Villiers Grp ♠	11	...	...	...	...
522	451	Vinten	494	-3	...	2.1	12.9
805	661	Vosper Thcroft	708	...	...	3.2	15.3
65	37	WSP Hldgs	58	-1	...	4.1	34.0
527	451	Wagon Ind	467	+3	...	4.8	23.8
114	97	Walter Greenbk	105	...	...	4.1	18.5
324	246½	Wassall	259 †	-2	...	1.5	24.8
63	44	Wirford Wdgwd	60	...	...	...	46.7
354½	246½	Weir	284 †	+4	...	2.9	16.9
731	498	Wellcome	657	-1	...	3.3	54.9
230	193	Wellington Hdg	193 †	...	...	3.3	18.6
39½	37½	Wellman	38	...	...	3.0	62.0
400	294	West Hnscare	361	+4	...	1.6	∞
548	387	Whatman	387 †	-3	...	3.4	14.2
264	90	Wheeloc	112	-2	...	9.2	8.6
155½	93	Whitecroft	155	...	...	1.6	24.5
13½	9½	Widney	10½	...	...	...	...
414½	322	Williams Hldg	340	+1	...	4.8	21.0
57	39½	Wilshaw	56½	...	...	1.3	23.2
975	705	Wolseley	763	+6	...	2.4	18.5
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	...	2.4	31.2
69	40	Wyko	68 †	...	...	0.9	∞
96	70	Young (H)	73	...	...	5.7	78.1

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1490¾	937½	Alex & Alex	1312½	+25	...	5.1	...
2043¼	1637½	Am Gen	1637½	...	...	4.4	...
86	47	Archer	56	+2	...	2.2	...
165	85	Bradstock	94	-2	...	7.4	10.8
550	370	Britannic	400	...	...	4.1	...
117	89	CLM Insce	90	...	1.4	2.0	...
701½	481	Com Union	532 ↓	-3	...	6.0	20.1
1950	1663	Dom & Gen	1670 †	...	...	2.1	17.9
64	33	FAI	36	...	...	1.3	...
194	142	Fenchurch Grp	146	...	...	6.2	13.0
757	529	Gen Accident	565 †	-4	...	6.2	9.1
247	161	GRE	191	-1	...	5.2	21.0
457	238	Heath C E	245	-6	...	8.2	...
323	239	Independent	254 †	+1	...	4.3	6.9
203	126	JIB Group	135 †	...	...	6.9	12.4
547	407	Legal & Gen	462 †	...	...	5.4	17.6
1415½	965½	Liberty Life	1396½	+21½	...	7.2	5.5
119	91	LDMT	94	...	...	1.3	∞
471	322	Lloyds Abbey	331	+2	...	7.0	10.0
310	157	Lloyd Thomp	174 †	...	...	5.6	11.5
185	159	Lombard Ins	176	...	...	5.3	16.8
443	313	Londn & Man	328 †	+1	...	6.2	16.3
236	170	Lowndes Lmb	170	...	...	5.5	10.7
5893½	4606½	Marsh Mcln	4793½	+100	...	3.7	...
188	147	Nelson Hurst	174 †	...	...	4.0	17.4
129½	109	Oriel	115	...	...	5.5	∞
83	34	PWS	34	-1½	...	11.0	...
385	271	Prudential	309½	+1½	...	5.5	13.4
404	261	Refuge	278 †	...	...	5.2	20.5
390	232½	Royal	282 †	...	...	4.0	7.1
222	139	Sedgwick	153 †	+1	...	4.8	17.5
155	104	Steel Burrill	113 †	-1	...	10.0	...
87	54	Sturge Hldgs	75	...	...	5.0	...
418	285	Sun Alliance	334 †	-2	...	5.6	9.3
96	51	Trade Indemnty	63 †	...	...	1.8	16.0
464	332	Transatlantic	335	...	...	4.5	30.3
673	460	Utd Friendly	503 †	+1	...	4.2	25.8
245	133	Willis Corroon	156	+4	...	5.3	15.1
28	20	Windsor	25	+1	...	...	19.6



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479	401	Anglo & O'seas	420	+2	...	2.1	...
161	117	B2W Conv	128½	-1½	...	7.6	∞
219	173	Bankers	182 †	...	...	2.7	...
381	311	Baring Tribune	328	...	...	2.5	...
248	198	Berry Starq	220	...	2.2	1.2	∞
120½	91½	Br Assets	94	-½	...	5.7	...
98	69	Br Empire Sec	91½	...	...	1.3	...
46	31	Br Empire Wts	38	...	...	...	...
234	188	Br Inv	206	...	...	2.9	...
272	221	Brunner	239	+½	...	2.8	...
223	194	Cont Assets	196	...	...	1.9	...
173	147	Derby Inc	158	...	...	12.5	...
328	268	Derby Cap	290	...	...	...	...
100	73	Drayton Blue	78	...	...	13.5	...
111	84	Drytn Eng Ind	90	...	...	1.1	...
156	128	Drytn Far East	142	+½	...	0.6	...
784	613	Dunedn Inc G	637	-5	...	5.2	...
108	85	Dunedn Japan	90	+½	...	...	...
80	44	Dunedn Wts	44	...	...	...	...
341	292	Dunedn Smlr	313	...	...	3.6	...
827	725	Dunedn Wrde	774	...	...	1.5	...
360	281	Edinburgh	305	...	...	3.6	...
354	286	Electra Inv	320	-1	...	2.8	...
220	185	Electric Gen	196	+½	...	2.0	...
127	106	English Scot	114	...	...	...	...
345	286	European Asset	295	...	...	2.0	...
174	145	Fidity Euro Val	153	...	...	0.2	...
100½	86½	Fidity Jap Val	87	+½	...	...	...
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	155	...	3.0	2.4	...
343	276½	Fleming Amer	291½	-½	...	0.5	...
145	75	Fleming Chinese	81½	+½	...	...	...
92	37½	Fleming Wts	40	...	...	...	...
267	196	Fleming Claver	208 †	...	...	3.3	...
385	302½	Fleming Cntl	315	...	...	0.9	...
264	190	Fleming Emp	206	...	...	2.9	...
459	327	Fleming F East	360	+1	1.5	0.9	...
422	354	Fleming Fledg	357	...	...	1.1	...
120	89	Fleming Fl Inc	94	...	...	5.9	...
284	223	Fleming Japan	261	+2	...	0.2	...
347	269½	Fleming Merc	280 †	-2	...	3.0	...
347½	280½	Fleming Osens	293 †	...	...	1.8	...
155½	129½	Foreign & Col	135½	-1	...	1.6	...
148	106½	Frgn Emg Mkts	129½	-2½	0.2	0.3	...
77	64½	Frgn Enterprise	71½	...	...	1.0	...
261	216	Frgn Eurotst	229	+½	...	0.7	...
145	116	Frgn German	121	+1	...	0.5	...
374	307	Frgn Pacific	326 †	+1	...	1.0	...
192	159½	Frgn Smaller	166	-1	...	1.5	...
303	245	GT Japan	247 †	+1	...	0.6	...
200	150	Genl Cons Cap	157	...	...	...	...
115½	105	Genl Inc	108	...	...	10.1	...
191	139	Govett Am Smlr	142	...	...	...	...
151	101	Gov Emg Mkts	124	...	...	0.3	...
96½	80	Gov Glob Smlr	87	...	...	...	...
112	78	Govett High Inc	81 †	-½	...	7.0	...
429	349	Govett Oriental	406½	+½	...	0.3	...
346	236	Govett Strategic	237	+1	...	3.6	∞
475	410	Greenfriar	420	...	...	2.0	...
19	19	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
105	86	Herald	91½	-½	...	...	...
99	90	Int Biotech	90	...	...	...	...
50	30	Int Wts	38	...	...	...	...
158	122	Inv Cap	129	...	...	3.0	...
119	94	MS UK Smllr	105	...	...	3.3	...
177	126	INVESCO Korea	162	...	...	...	...
243	195	Kleinwort Chrl	199	...	...	3.2	...
89½	75½	Klnwt Euro Prvt	79	...	...	...	...
49	23½	Klnwt Euro Wts	28	...	...	...	...
272½	230½	Klnwt O'seas	234½	-½	...	1.8	...
166	131	Klnwt Smlr	131 †	...	...	3.0	...
826	672	Law Debenture	721	...	...	3.4	...
227	190	Majedie	195	...	...	3.2	...
334	237	Merchants	260½	-2½	...	5.4	...
90	79½	Mercury Euro Pv	83½	...	...	...	...
45	28½	Mercury Wts	37½	...	...	...	...
125	98	Merc Wld Mg	110½	...	...	...	...
52½	35	Mercury Wld Wts	39	...	...	...	...
2987½	2087½	Merrill Lynch	2243½	-68½	...	...	...
595	492	Monks Inv Tst	524	-3	...	1.7	...
198	127	Morg Gren Inc	131	...	...	4.3	...
64	43	Morg Wts	51½	...	...	...	...
111	87	Morg Lam Amer	106	+1	...	...	...
65	39	Morg Wts	60½	+1	...	...	...
148	109	Murray Ent	114 ↓	...	...	2.2	...
58	34	Murray Wts	35	-1	...	...	...
68	54	Murray Euro	59½	...	...	0.6	...
23½	16	Murray Wts	17	...	...	...	...
393	317	Murray Income	325 †	-1	...	4.6	...
395	319	Murray Ind	330 †	-2	...	4.8	...
548	424	Murray Small	485	-5	...	1.1	...
97	82	Murray S/C Inc	87	...	...	15.2	...
174	135	Murray S/C Cap	148	...	...	...	...
3400	2850	Murray S/C Uts	2850	...	...	4.6	...
182	153	Murray S/C DP	158½	...	...	...	...
363	302½	Murray Vent	306 †	-2	...	4.7	∞
95	61	Nwthrng Inc	62 †	...	...	8.7	...
404	333	O'seas Inv Tst	349	-1	...	1.1	...
241	179	O'seas Wts	206	...	...	...	...
640½	433	Pacific Assets	519	+1	...	0.3	...
543	335	Pacific Wts	418	...	...	...	...
9400	7000	Personal Assets	8000 †	...	195	2.8	...
189	164½	RIT Cap Ptnr	177	...	...	1.1	...
127	112½	River & Merc	114	...	...	10.1	...
449	412	Robeco	412	...	...	3.1	...
463	415	Rolinco	422	...	...	1.8	...
343	280	St Andrew Inv	307	...	...	3.2	...
183	150½	Scot American	158	...	...	3.8	...
368	238	Scot Asian	292	...	...	...	...
1070	663	Scot Wts	828	...	...	...	...
97½	77	Scot Eastern	81	-½	...	2.4	...
262½	208	Scottish	217	...	...	2.9	∞
264½	205	Scottish Mtgs	223	...	...	2.3	...
133½	105½	Scottish Value	106	+½	...	2.3	...
1795	1515	Second Allnce	1580 †	+5	...	3.3	∞
106	77½	Secs Tst of Scot	82	+½	...	5.0	...
179	148	Selective Asset	156	...	...	1.2	...
51½	39	Sphere Inv	39	-½	...	11.1	...
205	149	TR Far East	162	...	...	4.0	...
177½	133½	TR Cty Of Lon	144	-½	...	4.6	...
124½	86	TR Pacific	118	+1	...	0.2	...
43½	32	TR Property	33½	-½	...	3.3	...
152	108	TR Tech Inv	110	...	...	2.0	...
228	182	TR Smlr Cos	189	-2	...	2.5	...
412	350	Temple Bar	335	...	...	5.1	...
135	102	Turnin Asian E	107	...	...	0.6	...
101	72½	Throgmorton	75½	-½	...	3.8	...
566	468	Throg Dual Cp	510	...	...	...	...
289	233	USDC Invest	242 †	...	...	2.3	...
120	108½	Value Inc Tst	111	+½	...	4.8	...
257½	205	Witan	228	-½	...	3.2	...

LEISURE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
578½	417	Airtours	490	-4	...	2.5	15.6
46½	19	Aid Leis	19	...	...	...	...
177	144	Alpha Airpts	190 †	...	...	3.4	...
131	85	Baldwin	113 †	...	...	3.9	19.4
333	267	Barr & W 'A'	300 †	-2	...	4.2	12.5
365	231	Boosey Hwks	345 †	...	...	1.9	20.4
205	133	Border TV	185	...	...	2.7	15.5
7½	3	Brent Walker	3½	...	...	...	...
200	100	Bristol Scots	200	...	...	1.9	...
7½	2½	Buckingham Int	2½	...	...	...	...
74	35	Campari	35	-1	...	...	...
439	328	Capital Radio	350	...	...	2.2	30.9
1047	797	Carlton Comm	827	-5	...	2.9	18.3
247	114	Chrysalis	231	...	3.2	1.8	...
374	305	Compass Gp	326	+2	...	2.6	19.2
290	232	Eurocamp	269	...	9.9	4.6	11.1
213	85	Euro Disney	85	-5	...	...	...
4	2½	Euro Leisure	2½	...	...	...	...
455	308	Fairline Boats	436	+1	...	3.4	30.3
131	81	Flair Choice	115	-1	...	3.8	...
350	282	Flair Leisure	264 †	...	...	3.1	17.5
479	309	Flextech	479	...	...	...	...
1033	675	GWR Gp	900	...	...	1.5	32.6
356	228	Grampian	336	...	...	2.8	18.0
172	106	HTV Group	147 †	...	...	1.5	32.9
96	34	Hi-Tec Sports	36 †	+2	...	9.7	5.3
18½	11½	Kunick	14	...	...	...	...
263	200	London Clubs	248	...	...	6.0	12.6
702	539	Man Utd	649 †	-1	...	4.0	∞
15	13½	My Kinda Town	13½	...	...	...	...
67	34	Northern	63	...	...	6.1	10.1
102	65½	The Pelican Gp	96	...	...	1.4	∞
183	125	Prism Leisure	125	...	...	4.2	8.8
43	28	Quadrant Grp	30	...	...	...	...
278	205	Ramsdens (H)	263	...	...	2.1	39.6
628	395	Scot Radio	590	...	...	2.2	23.0
574	355	Scot TV	440 †	...	...	3.6	29.5
40½	21½	SelecTV	22½	...	...	...	...
350	236½	Stanley Leisure	327	...	...	2.0	18.4
153	125	Sunset & Vine	129	...	3.5	3.4	19.7
349½	280	Tanjong	280	...	...	0.7	15.7
167	73	Tottenhm Hot	135 †	+3	...	0.9	36.2
760	518	Ulster TV	708 †	...	...	2.9	21.8
151	129	VCI	151	...	...	1.7	13.5
149	112	Vardon	127 †	...	...	1.2	22.5
396	150	Yorkshire TV	396	...	...	...	...
149	110	Zetters Gp	137	...	...	7.8	∞

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3762½	2509½	Ang Am	3718½	+43½	...	1.9	35.8
3550	1762½	Ang Am Coal	3468½	...	...	2.6	18.8
7331¼	4593½	Ang Am Gold	7331¼	+240½	...	3.2	22.2
36	25	Anglo Pac Res	29½	...	...	...	...
1512½	1196½	Ashanti	1343½	-6½	...	...	...
404	275	Bakyrchik	298	+1	...	...	...
184	90½	Blyvoors	168½	+3	...	...	...
37	12½	Bracken	21½	...	...	4.0	...
898	580½	Buffels	810½	+16½	...	6.6	∞
6	2½	Bute	2½	-½	...	...	...
968	745½	CRA	854	-6	...	2.4	27.8
55½	36	Cluff Res	44	-½	...	...	...
147	28½	Coal Inv	108	-1	...	...	...
1750	1318½	De Beers	1556½	+18½	...	3.3	16.7
148	88	Deelkraal	128½	+6	...	2.7	11.5
101½	30½	Doornfontein	99½	-3½	...	...	...
1034	665½	Driefontein	1034	+41½	...	4.1	15.4
941½	549½	Durban	941½	+30½	...	...	...
203½	107	E Rand Gold	182	+6	...	11.0	6.0
122½	59½	E Rand Prop	96½	...	...	...	...
513	300½	Elandsrand	513	+15	...	3.1	12.1
1239	741½	FS Cons	1099½	+18½	...	5.2	13.8
82	27	FS Dev	82	...	...	1.5	...
1975	1193½	GFSA	1931¼	+6½	...	1.9	29.3
225½	108½	Gencor	229½	+6	...	1.2	28.7
80½	53½	GM Kalgoorli	57	-1	...	2.4	22.0
22	14	Greenwich R 'A'	20½	...	...	...	...
202	105½	Grootvlei	197½	+6	...	4.7	10.6
680½	319½	Harmony	647	-½	...	...	...
430	268½	Hartles	382½	+9	...	7.3	11.4
1512½	831½	Impala Plat	1465½	...	...	1.7	46.1
1315½	690½	Kinross	1156½	...	...	4.1	36.4
1091½	568½	Kloof	1091½	+37½	...	2.9	11.6
137	69½	Leslie	129½	+4½	...	8.4	7.5
368½	176½	Loraine	336½	-½	...	...	...
1137½	887½	Lydenburg	1137½	...	...	2.0	...
162	118	MIM	127	+3	...	1.8	...
1762½	1606½	Minorco	1650 †	+12½	...	2.1	∞
201½	146½	Nth Brkn Hill	171	+2	...	2.9	26.3
905	790	RTZ	867 †	-7	...	3.0	24.7
500	187½	Rand Mines	462½	...	...	2.3	17.5
840½	547½	Randfontein	748½	-12½	...	6.5	9.6
295	207	Renison	235	...	...	...	...
1809½	1078½	Rustnbrg	1775	...	...	1.6	∞
756	539½	St Helena	729½	+30½	...	5.9	∞
2887½	1484½	Southvaal	2007½	+59½	...	4.1	24.7
143	73	Stilfontein	126½	+3	...	16.6	4.3
261½	90	Unisel	216	+9	...	2.7	16.9
7600	4963½	Vaal Reefs	6759½	+134½	...	3.7	11.3
1158½	508½	Western Areas	1157½	-½	...	6.0	11.0
3565½	2050	Western Deep	3565½	+75	...	2.8	12.6
398	300½	Wstrn Mining	368	+1	...	1.0	∞
1225	605½	Winkels	987½	+84½	...	4.7	14.1
66	50	Zambia Copper	57	...	...	...	...
68	48	Zandpan	61	...	...	8.1	12.3

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
283	233	Abbey Panels	283	...	...	...	...
150	108	Airflow Stream	150	+6	...	3.4	22.3
175	117	Appleyard	120 †	...	...	6.0	21.2
405	263	Bletchley Mtr	263	...	...	5.0	10.8
306	180	Boxham	288 †	+3	...	2.6	16.4
584	390	Br Aerospace	480 †	+2	...	2.3	42.2
57	36	Burndene	38	...	...	6.6	11.1
405	280	Caffyns	285	...	...	4.9	19.9
52	13	Cavendale	13	-½	...	1.4	13.2
120	98	Central Mtr	98	...	...	4.5	24.2
51	22½	Cook (DC)	39	...	...	3.2	∞
348	208	Cowie	208	-6	...	5.0	10.1
192½	127	Dag Motors	140 †	...	...	5.8	16.1
158	113	Davnprt Vern	156	...	...	2.6	15.5
232	229	ERF	323	-1	...	0.8	...
234	202	Eurodollar	214	...	...	5.0	16.7
173	106	European Mtr	111	...	...	4.8	11.6
339½	395	Evans Halshaw	406	...	...	4.4	12.8
310	235	FR Group	309	+2	...	3.2	15.3
2359½	1687½	Ford Motor	1812½	+18½	...	...	...
4387½	2762½	General Mtr	2887½	+6½	...	1.7	...
90	60	Gowrings	76 †	...	...	3.3	23.1
342½	266½	Henlys	273 †	...	...	3.4	14.6
1239	918½	Honda Motor	1097½	+6½	...	0.4	...
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	58	...	...	...	13.4
184	145	Kwik-Fit	152 †	...	...	3.3	17.4
573	335	Lex Service	335	-4	...	5.0	12.8
282	162	Lookers	190	...	...	4.5	11.8
239	158	Lucas	195 †	+2	...	4.5	...
29½	24	Malaya Grp	24 #	...	...	1.3	...
310	232	Pendragon	235 †	...	...	4.0	15.4
238	165	Perry Gp	165 †	...	...	5.3	9.0
218	143	Quicks Group	143 †	...	...	4.6	15.1
204	161	Rolls-Royce	177 †	+2½	...	3.5	31.2
261	203	T & N	219 †	...	...	6.2	19.1
333	263	Trinity Hldgs	311	-1	...	2.6	22.3
221	162	Vardy (Reg)	162	...	...	3.5	15.3

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
355	198	Adscene	291 †	-2	...	2.8	20.8
345	320	Black (A&C)	335 †	...	...	5.0	14.3
402	213	Blenheim Gp	262	...	...	5.0	9.7
413	365	Bristol	376	...	...	4.1	26.0
1450	1100	Daily Mail	1359½	+6½	...	1.4	31.8
1484½	868½	Daily Mail 'A'	936½	+15½	...	1.9	23.4
314	260	Dorling Kind	292	+½	...	1.4	∞
641	5½	Elsevier	653½	...	...	3.1	20.1
499	361½	EMAP	369 †	...	...	2.9	22.9
1975	1450	Euromoney Pb	1725	+2	...	2.8	30.3
154	32	Harrington K	42	...	...	3.0	∞
515	328	Haynes Pub	438 †	-2	...	2.6	26.0
408	333	Hodder H'line	333 †	...	...	2.0	54.2
180	130	Home Counts	173 †	...	...	3.6	42.9
237	161	Intl Bus Comm	218 †	...	...	2.0	10.6
15	8	Int Cm & Data	9½	-½	...	...	...
340	273½	Independent	285	...	...	2.7	9.7
669	551	Johnstone Press	620 †	-3	...	1.5	22.8
110	43	MAID	52	...	...	...	78.9
482	338	Metal Bulletin	476	...	...	2.9	24.7
177½	131	Midland Ind	135 †	-1	...	2.6	18.5
203	123	Mirror Gp	141 †	+1	...	0.9	7.4
514½	364	News Corp	383	-6	...	0.4	28.5
314	224	News Intl	238	...	...	0.7	13.2
735	552	Pearson	609 †	-5	...	2.7	21.0
760	635	Portsmth Sund	635	...	...	2.1	15.7
964	722	Reed Int	753	-1	...	3.2	22.8
249	187	Southnews	227	...	...	1.6	28.8
200	136	Sterling Pub	138 †	...	...	3.3	11.8
622	310	Telegraph	340	...	...	4.8	12.0
885	695	Thomson Corp	735	+10	30.1	5.1	26.7
472	389	Trinity Intl	389 †	...	...	3.2	17.9
45	18½	Unit Group	35	...	...	...	...
731	470	Utd Nwspprs	511 †	+3	...	5.6	12.3

OILS, GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
39½	24½	Aran Energy	38½	-½	...	...	23.3
53	35	Arcon Intl	41	...	...	...	...
74½	59	Aus Oil & Gas	64½	+3½	...	...	...
67	43	Aviva Pet	50	...	...	...	...
9	6	Beverley	9½ #	...	...	...	64.6
349	197	Br Borneo	213 †	...	...	4.2	10.0
358	253	British Gas	287 †	+2	...	6.3	...
430	340	Br Petroleum	403 †	-4½	...	2.9	22.1
3½	1½	Bula Resources	3½ #	...	...	...	...
919	811	Burmah Castrl	847	-5	...	4.1	16.6
86	56	Cairn Energy	76	...	...	...	41.8
375	258	Calor Gp	289	+1	...	3.5	13.6
51	33	Clyde Pet	40 †	...	...	1.1	...
30	12½	Coplex Res	13½	...	...	...	...
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	1½	...	...	...	...
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gs	22	...	...	...	23.7
486	376	Enterprise	381 †	-2	...	5.2	...
26½	21	Fairhaven Intl	22½	...	...	5.4	9.2
8½	4½	Fortune	5½	...	...	...	...
77	54	Goal Pet	67	+1	...	2.7	22.3
47	31	Gt Western Res	45	...	...	...	...
177	137	Hardy O & G	147	...	...	0.9	18.8
55	40	Kelt Energy	49	-2	...	3.4	...
169	110½	Lasmo	152	+1	...	0.8	...
73	52	Lasmo Units	52 †	...	7.8	18.8	...
75	55	Monument	70	...	...	...	74.8
7½	3½	New London	4	...	...	...	...
50	36	Oil Search	43	...	...	...	...
50½	17½	Pernz	39	...	...	...	∞
168	148	Plcs Pet	148	...	...	...	...
111	47	Pzecurrell Rs	97	...	...	...	...
32½	21½	Premier	26½	+½	...	...	14.4
158	118	Presidio	128	...	...	5.2	...
282	120	Ramco Egy	228	+1	...	0.3	...
403	325	Ranger	365	-10	...	5.4	...
7200	6681½	Royal Dtch Fl	6943½	-25	...	4.6	18.1
4084½	3375	Schlumberger	3378½	+6½	...	2.2	...
85	50	Seafield	62	...	...	...	...
758	651	Shell	706 †	-5	...	4.4	21.4
187	128	Saxon Eng Sv	128	...	...	...	...
237	178½	Woodside	235	-1	...	1.6	...
110	28	XCL	69	...	...	...	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
186	138	AG Holdings	139	...	...	4.7	12.6
444	355	API	355	...	...	3.0	22.3
316	237	Arjo Wiggins	246 †	-3	...	3.3	37.1
365	290	Abbott Mead	344 ↓	+10	...	3.1	31.1
33	17½	Anglo Gp	25½	...	...	...	...
205	145	Aspen Cmns	165 †	...	...	3.8	18.8
26	16	BBB Design	16	...	...	...	4.2
472	378	Bemrose	378 †	-1	...	4.1	13.9
13½	6½	Birkdale	6½	...	...	...	...
186	139	Bunzl	162 †	-1	...	3.2	19.1
169	117½	CIA Gp	135	...	...	1.6	22.0
198	129	Capital Inds	168 †	...	...	3.3	13.2
99	76	City of Lon	83	...	...	6.6	12.7
439	300	Cropper (Jmes)	300	+1	...	1.5	15.1
114	78	Delyn Group	78	...	...	2.7	14.1
137	103	Dolphin Pack	104 †	...	...	5.4	13.4
83	66	Dudley Jenkins	66	...	...	6.2	14.6
17½	12	Elswick	16½	...	...	2.5	17.9
101	75	Fairway Group	84	-4	...	5.1	13.7
430	302	Ferguson Intl	331	-23	...	4.9	13.9
145	122	Ferry Pick	123 †	...	...	5.8	...
227	188	Filofax	201 †	...	...	1.1	19.9
17½	8	Finch	12	...	...	...	...
149	132	Gibbon Lyons	139	...	...	4.9	13.0
275	171	Gold Greenless	175 †	...	...	3.8	∞
34	23	Goodhead	28	...	...	0.2	∞
30	3	Hunterprint	3½	...	...	...	...
162	124	Intereurope	126 †	...	...	7.7	∞
281½	248	Jarvis Porter	281	...	...	3.3	20.2
33½	20½	Lopex	31	...	...	1.5	21.7
431	344	More O'Ferrall	351 †	...	...	4.7	20.3
425	230	Osborne & Little	392	...	...	2.1	14.3
60	32	Osprey Comms	32	...	...	0.4	...
820	513	Portals	723	-7	...	2.9	19.5
3	1½	Premier Hlth	1½	...	...	...	...
339	253	Quarto	253 †	...	...	3.0	13.8
412	314	St Ives Gp	317 †	-1	...	2.5	∞
178	127	Saatchi	155	...	...	...	30.2
1111	464½	Sappi	1111	+68½	...	0.5	...
30½	14½	Serif	14½	...	...	...	...
57	20½	Shandwick	47	...	...	1.1	7.1
573	398	Smith David	521	+2	...	2.6	23.2
420½	279½	Smurfit (Jeff)	377 †	-1	...	1.5	53.8
119	82	Sonic	82	...	...	3.8	8.8
254	183	Stu-Plus	183 †	...	...	6.2	17.4
40½	29½	Taylor Nelson	37½	...	...	2.1	22.5
161	115	VTR	128	+2	...	3.9	20.3
36½	24	WMGO	24	...	...	2.6	11.7
129	63½	WPP	107 †	...	...	1.2	15.3
270	182	Wace	225	-3	...	2.2	14.4
291	209	Waddington (J)	220	+2	...	4.8	10.8
511	365	Watmough	387 †	...	...	2.2	24.5
45	29	Whitney Mck	38	...	...	...	...
132	98	Wyndeham	129	...	...	2.3	18.7

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	96	Allied Lon	96	...	...	5.2	12.0
48	36	Arcadian	40	...	...	...	...
276	253	Argent	265	...	...	...	...
10½	1½	Ascot Hldgs	2½	+½	...	...	...
144	109	Asda	117 †	...	...	2.4	20.8
191	113	Avonside	124 †	...	...	4.4	14.6
282½	238	Bilton	246 †	...	...	4.9	17.9
108	72	Bourne End	83	...	...	1.5	...
276	183	Bradford	189	+3	...	4.3	13.3
474	360	Br Land	399	+1	...	2.4	35.0
137	116	Brightstone	116 †	...	...	4.0	26.3
276	177	Brixton	193 †	-2	...	5.3	17.2
118	86½	Burford	90	...	...	2.2	29.2
112	99	CLS Hldgs	99 †	...	...	6.2	...
207½	125½	Cap & Regnl	137	...	...	1.5	30.9
229	191	Cap Shop Ctrs	206	+1	...	3.9	49.6
325	228	Cardiff Prop	233	...	...	1.3	52.1
185	152	Chelsfield	164 †	-1	...	1.8	55.7
678	498	Chesterfield	498	-6	...	3.1	22.1
112	94	Chesterton Int	96	...	...	4.3	13.5
84	36	City Site Ests	63	...	...	...	...
12½	6½	Clarke Nickolls	7 †	...	...	1.8	14.6
87½	71½	Compco	77½	...	...	6.3	∞
56	30	Conrad Rtblat GS	33 †	+1	...	1.9	28.9
1755	1328	Daejan	1330	...	...	2.7	15.5
25½	5	Dares Estates	8½	...	...	...	...
156	99	Debenhm Twsn	99	...	...	4.4	16.0
17	6	De Morgan	6	...	...	...	...
189	161	Dencora	164	...	...	2.5	46.1
347½	252	Derwent Hldgs	252	-3	...	2.3	22.4
41	21	Development Sec	24½	...	...	0.5	...
51	45	Dwyer	46	...	...	...	...
460	275	Estates Agency	325 †	...	...	4.0	39.3
47	18	Estates Gen	24	...	...	...	...
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	112	...	...	2.8	19.6
43½	24	Ex-Lands	27½	...	...	1.9	∞
80	65	Fiscal Prop	65 †	...	...	1.2	...
37	24	Five Oaks	26	...	...	1.0	...
78	45	Fletcher King	45	-1	...	4.2	22.3
536	407	Frogmore	440 †	+2	...	4.8	15.9
325	228	Grainger	254	...	...	3.0	∞
260	174	Gr Portland	185	...	...	5.4	35.3
226½	118	Greycoat	121	...	...	...	...
269	149	HK Land	150½	+1	...	4.1	∞
94	39	Hambro Cntyw	45	+1	...	0.7	45.7
435	311	Hammerson	339 †	+2	...	3.7	34.0
390	298	Helical Bar	352 †	...	...	2.1	12.6
40½	29½	Hemingway	30	-½	...	1.7	51.5
78	24	Herring Baker	26	...	...	4.8	...
311½	136½	Jermyn	140 †	-15	...	...	70.1
792	588	Land Sec	620	-2	...	4.8	17.6
122	86	Lon Merch Sec	98	...	...	5.4	14.4
16	8	Lon & Metro	8	...	...	...	0.4
562	409	MEPC	430	+2	...	5.8	24.7
13½	6	McInerney A	6	...	...	...	...
190	164	McKay Secs	181	...	...	3.6	17.9
85	59	Merivale Mre	69 †	...	...	3.6	10.6
55	37	Moorfield Est	38	...	...	3.9	...
1425	1159½	Mountview	1159½	...	...	2.4	11.5
196	144	Mucklow (AJ)	151	+3	...	5.3	19.6
39	20	OEM	21	...	...	...	...
58	34½	Olives Prop	34	...	...	...	12.7
2½	0½	ORB	0½	-½	...	...	...
191	145	PSIT	146	...	...	4.0	20.7
399	241	Peel	242	...	...	2.3	∞
162	145	Pillar Prop	154	+1	...	3.0	...
12½	3	Power Corp	3	...	...	...	...
9½	4½	Premier Land	5½	...	...	...	...
53	32	Raglan	33	...	...	...	12.1
49	29½	Regalian	29½	...	...	...	9.7
180	140	Rowlinson Secs	170	...	...	1.3	10.8
134	106	Rugby Est	107 †	...	...	3.6	...
64	45	St Modwen Prp	51½	...	...	2.9	12.8
78	59	Saville Grdn (J)	66 †	...	...	5.1	19.2
100	63	Savills	63	...	...	4.5	10.2
108	62	Scot Met	85	...	...	2.3	...
135	99	Shaftesbury	99	...	...	...	...
307	221	Slough Estates	225½	-1½	...	4.5	48.2
103	56	Southend Prop	58	+1	...	5.2	...
133	106	Specty Shops	108	...	...	2.8	...
50	10	Stanhope Prps	12	+1	...	...	...
39	34	TBI	36	...	...	...	2.0
244	167	Tops Ests	168	...	...	1.6	40.0
163	116	Town Centre	122	...	...	4.0	∞
107	90	Trafford Park	91 †	+1	...	4.3	∞
58	28	UK Land	47	...	...	...	...
317	220	Warner	225	+1	...	6.2	21.6
260	218	Warnford	225	...	...	4.4	19.4
7½	1½	Waterglade	2 #	...	...	...	...
103½	63	Wates	70	...	...	...	...
105	68	Wood John D	71	+1	...	3.5	∞

SHOES, LEATHER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45	31	Automagic	37	...	...	...	...
173	163	Chamb Phipps	172	+3	...	5.3	22.6
202½	134	Lambert	134 †	-2	...	6.4	12.7
75	53	Pittards	68	...	...	3.3	...
26	19	Strong & Fisher	21	...	...	6.0	14.3
181½	151½	Stylo	165	...	...	2.0	11.1
69	50	UK Safety	50	...	...	6.6	12.0

TEXTILES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	488	Allied Text	508	...	...	3.2	15.6
71	40	Beckman (A)	40 †	...	...	11.2	∞
39½	15½	Bolton Gp	17	...	...	...	...
226	171	Br Mohair	199 †	...	...	5.3	20.5
365	292	Claremont Gs	319 †	+6	...	2.9	17.7
593	451	Courtauld Text	489 †	-1	...	3.7	22.0
159½	119	Dawson	139	...	...	2.7	...
42	28	Drummond	29	...	...	...	12.9
80	72	Faupel	75	...	...	8.2	12.7
23	18	Foster (John)	19	...	...	...	...
168	113	Gaskell	145 †	...	...	3.7	...
33	29½	Helene Plc	29½	...	...	8.7	11.9
263	222	Hicking Pntcst	231	-3	...	2.5	16.4
73	55	Jerome (S)	60 †	...	...	1.7	7.6
405	333	Lamont	360	+1	...	4.4	11.9
340	265	Leeds	278	...	...	2.7	34.2
101	68	Lyles (S)	84	...	...	5.4	8.5
266	171	Parkland	171	...	...	3.7	10.2
112	77	Readicut	80	-½	...	5.4	13.7
70	46	SEET	47	+1	...	...	...
146	98	Sirdar	98 †	...	...	6.9	14.2
64	50	Stirling Gp	60	...	...	4.0	16.6
46	33	Stoddard	34	...	...	5.9	12.8
330	214	Tomkinsons	214	...	...	6.7	20.2
289	230	Yorklyde	270	...	...	2.9	13.0

TOBACCOS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	372	BAT	440 †	-4	...	5.9	11.5
489	337	Rothmans	419	+7	...	3.9	22.3

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	276 †	+1	...	2.2	22.0
541½	440	BAA	508	+1	...	2.2	21.6
128	103½	Badgerline	119 †	...	...	4.3	...
496½	344	Br Airways	382	+8	...	3.6	12.0
108	75	Clarkson (H)	91 †	...	...	2.4	22.9
592½	195	Eurotunnel Uts	199	-12	...	...	...
87	50	Fisher (James)	50	...	...	...	...
155	126½	IoM Steam	127 †	-1	...	4.3	9.7
63	39	Jacobs (J)	55 †	...	...	3.8	...
111	89	Lon O'Seas Frs	89 †	...	...	5.2	21.0
534	380	Mersey Docks	400 †	...	...	3.0	19.4
347	245	Natl Express	310 †	+1	...	3.1	17.0
291	157	NFC	178	+1	...	5.0	27.3
348	246	Ocean Group	257 †	-1	...	7.0	13.0
91	58	Ocean Wilson	70	-3	...	5.7	9.0
743	593	P & O Dfd	604 †	-12	...	4.1	18.7
201	153	P & O 5.5%	201	+1	...	3.4	...
705	543	Powell Duffryn	545	-1	...	5.4	15.5
102	84	Seacon	97	...	...	3.0	22.0
218	158	Stagecoach	218	...	...	2.4	21.7
131	85½	TNT	109	...	...	...	...
915	703	Tibbet & Britn	715 †	...	...	2.6	18.3
79	27	Tiphook	36	...	...	...	...
327	197	TDG	210 †	-1	...	5.2	14.1
136	98	Ugland	135	...	...	0.2	∞
160	95	Utd Carriers	103 †	...	...	1.9	...

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian	555	+6	...	5.1	14.4
365	293	Mid Kent Hldgs	325	...	...	4.4	11.0
751	508	Northumbrian	687	...	...	4.4	7.4
611	454	North West	561	...	...	5.1	8.4
645	457	Severn Trent	572	+2	...	5.0	8.0
662	466	Southern	598	-2	...	4.5	8.6
1740	1525	South Staffs	1728	-2	...	3.8	11.5
675	484	South West	533	-1	...	6.0	7.9
611	434½	Thames	523	-4	...	5.4	9.0
744	546	Welsh	653	-4	...	4.9	7.2
759½	551	Wessex	639	-2	...	4.7	8.3
630	458	Yorkshire	531	...	...	5.4	7.8

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
103	100	Treas 9% 1994	100 †	...	8.97	...
107	101	Treas 12% 1995	101	..	11.81	5.74
98	97	Gas 3% 1990-95	98	...	3.04	5.60
107	102	Exch 10¼% 1995	102	-	9.98	6.52
113	105	Treas 12¾% 1995	106 †	-	12.02	6.85
117	107	Treas 14% 1996	108	..	12.95	7.10
121	111	Treas 15¼% 1996	111 †	..	13.69	7.34
117	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	109 †	..	12.20	7.41
112	103	Conv 10% 1996	104 †	..	9.59	7.75
121	110	Treas 13¼% 1997	110	..	11.96	7.91
114	104	Exch 10½% 1997	105	..	9.97	7.94
110	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	101	-	8.62	8.14
131	116	Exch 15% 1997	117 †	-	12.75	8.28
114	102	Exch 9¾% 1998	103	-	9.39	8.37
106	95	Treas 7¼% 1998	96	+	7.49	8.34
102	93	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	95 †	...	7.09	8.36
131	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	116 †	-	12.01	8.56
140	122	Treas 15½% 1998	123	-	12.57	8.44
125	110	Exch 12% 1998	111	-	10.73	8.53
116	101	Treas 9½% 1999	103	-	9.10	8.52

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101	88	Treas 6% 1999	90	-	6.64	8.50
128	111	Exch 12¼% 1999	113	-	10.82	8.61
121	105	Treas 10½% 1999	107 †	-	9.80	8.59
121	104	Conv 10¼% 1999	106 †	-	9.62	8.64
116	99	Conv 9% 2000	101	..	8.84	8.57
136	116	Treas 13% 2000	118	-	10.95	8.70
106	88	Treas 7% 2001	91 †	-	7.65	8.68
122	103	Treas 10% 2001	105	-	9.44	8.75
123	102	Treas 9¾% 2002	105	-	9.27	8.81
113	92	Treas 8% 2003	95	-	8.37	8.73
127	104	Treas 10% 2003	107	-	9.32	8.80
129	109	Treas 11½% 2001-04	112	-	10.24	8.93
86	69	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72	...	4.80	7.52
105	84	Treas 6¾% 2004	87 †	-	7.71	8.63
125	101	Conv 9½% 2004	105 †	-	9.03	8.72
125	102	Conv 9½% 2005	105	-	9.01	8.70
143	118	Treas 12½% 2003-05	121 †	-	10.30	9.02
111	91	Treas 8½% 2002-06	99	-	8.40	8.68
112	90	Treas 7¾% 2006	93	-	8.28	8.62
136	112	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	115	-	10.16	9.02
119	95	Treas 8½% 2007	99	-	8.59	8.63
151	124	Treas 13½% 2004-08	128	-	10.54	9.02
124	99	Treas 9% 2008	103	-	8.73	8.61

LONGS (over 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115	91	Treas 8% 2009	95	-	8.42	8.60
126	100	Conv 9% 2011	103	-	8.69	8.58
127	100	Treas 9% 2012	103	-	8.66	8.56
97	71	Treas 5½% 2008-12	74	-	7.43	8.31
114	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92	-	8.35	8.50
117	92	Treas 8% 2013	95	-	8.40	8.51
159	126	Exch 12% 2013-17	130	-	9.21	8.72
128	99	Treas 8¾% 2017	102	-	8.53	8.48

UNDATED

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54	39	War Ln 3½%	41	-	8.50	...
37	27	Treas 2½%	29	-	8.62	...

INDEX-LINKED

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
203	197	Treas IL 2% 1996	200	...	2.57	4.01
117	109	Treas IL 4½% 1998	107 †	-	2.66	3.32
176	163	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165	-	3.34	3.78
173	159	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161	-	3.45	3.81
118	107	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108	-	3.48	3.82
184	165	Treas IL 2% 2006	168	-	3.55	3.81
168	149	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152 †	-	3.60	3.83
175	154	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157	-	3.63	3.84
146	126	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129	-	3.65	3.84
157	134	Treas IL 2½% 2016	137	-	3.69	3.87
152	128	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132	-	3.72	3.88
129	106	Treas IL 2½% 2024	109	-	3.71	3.85
128	105	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	108	-	3.75	3.89

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INFOTECH

Samsung has broken with tradition and cut the working week. **Matthew May** reports

Go home, you work too much



Hard at work for Samsung — but the boss may order these employees to go home on time

It may not seem particularly strange that at one company workers arrive at 7am and go home at 4pm. But if that company is operating in South Korea, where putting in long hours has long been considered a necessity, it has been seen as a revolution.

Such "short" working hours are just one measure introduced to try to increase quality at Korea's conglomerate, the Samsung group, which this week announced that it will build a £450 million factory in Wynyard, Cleveland. The factory will produce semiconductors, home appliances and communications equipment and will eventually create 3,000 jobs.

The move to a shorter working week came after Lee Kun-Hee, Samsung's chairman and the son of the conglomerate's founder, took over two years ago and began to institute a radical change in style designed to end the emphasis on gaining market share and sales volume and instead concentrate on producing higher quality products able to match the best on offer from other companies around the world.

Shorter hours are perhaps all the more surprising, given the concern in South Korea that rising wages are starting to price it out of the market. While labour costs are still far lower than in Japan, they are considerably more than in several other countries in the region.

The strength of the Japanese yen has helped South Korean companies to pick up business, particularly from Japanese companies escaping high costs at home. But, as Mr Lee said earlier this year, Japanese companies are hitting back by producing quality goods from Indonesian and other South-East Asian factories at the same prices as Korean-made items.

Hence the decision that the quality of Samsung products must be — and just as important be seen to be — as good as those of Japanese brands and other competitors. Working excessive hours, said Mr Lee, produces tired workers and stifles initiative and creativity. Samsung staff say that he has been known to make random checks to ensure that employees are not working into the evening.

The Samsung group is a huge industrial conglomerate, the 14th largest company in the world according to *Fortune* magazine. Its new factory in Cleveland is scheduled to start operating next August, when it should be capable of producing one million computer monitors and 1.3 million microwave ovens a year.

The plan is to expand the factory so that by 1999 it will be producing 250,000 fax machines, 250,000 personal computers, 8in semiconductor wafers and three million monitor tubes a year.

Samsung, which is also planning to base its European headquarters in London, already has a colour television factory at Billingham, in Cleveland, which employs 300 people.

Behind the new factory will be a subsidiary of the Samsung group, Samsung Electronics, a huge and successful company in its own right that last week forecast that turnover will rise 40 per cent this year to nearly £9 billion and pre-tax profits increase fivefold to £700 million thanks largely to its strength in semiconductors. It is now the world's largest producer of memory chips.

Samsung Electronics, along with other large semi-conductor manufacturers such as Hyundai and Goldstar, has invested billions of dollars in semiconductor production over the past few years and it is now reaping the reward.

A vast industrial complex in Suwon, South Korea, covers 3,706 acres, employs 30,000 people — with residential accommodation for 6,000 of them — and also has its own shopping centre and cable television system. As well as semiconductors the complex also turns out refrigerators, washing machines, a television set every 40 seconds and a video-casette recorder every 30 seconds.

> Working long hours simply produces tired workers and stifles creativity

Despite this, Samsung Electronics is not as well known outside the industry as it might be. Though there are plenty of electronic products from Samsung bearing its name there are also plenty that do not.

Of the seven million computer monitors it manufactures each year, for example, half are produced for and "badged" with other names, including Hewlett Packard, Unisys and Dell.

Similarly, three out of ten personal computers produced by Samsung carry the names of other companies — including at one time models for IBM and AT&T — while in consumer electronics Samsung has produced products for Japanese companies such as Toshiba.

This is not something any of the companies involved shout about — particularly since "badged" versions may sell at a hefty premium over virtually identical products from Samsung.

Samsung Electronics is also annoyed that its consumer electronics and computing products are sometimes perceived as being of lower quality than the top brands. In some cases those brands have been produced by, or include, Samsung parts. This image, the company says, lags well behind the reality.

At the moment, Samsung's production of PCs in Korea is a modest 600,000 a year, though it wants to increase this to two million within two years.

To do so in the fiercely competitive market for PCs — where there is little leeway to compete on price — means that Samsung must ensure that its products are recognised as being of the same quality as the most well-established brand names.

Danger in price cutting

A DRAGGED-OUT price war in personal computers could be devastating to many manufacturers, says the financial rating firm Moody's. Although price cuts are not new to the personal computer industry, the company notes that the reductions begun by the industry leader Compaq in August have been deeper than in the past.

Moody's says the financial rating of firms involved only in personal computers cannot be considered stable beyond 12 to 18 months.

Deadly message

A COLLEGE professor in Texas says that someone broke into his electronic mail account and fired off racist messages to about 20,000 other computer users over the Internet. The message brought death threats and other harsh responses from nearly 500 users who thought it came from Grady Blount, a Professor of Environmental Science at Texas A&M university. "It's a digital equivalent of a drive-by shooting," says the professor.

Write stuff

A Windows software package that promises to allow PC users to write easily their own computer games is on offer from Europress Software, based in Macclesfield, Cheshire. Klik and Play costs £40 and includes a library of 1,500 screens of animation sprites and backgrounds as well as hundreds of different sounds.

Brussels inquiry

THE European Commission is to investigate a proposed telecommunications joint venture between Siemens of Germany and STET of Italy. The two propose to create a joint subsidiary to make and sell public switching and transmission equipment.

Gates opens up

BILL GATES, founder and chairman of the software company Microsoft, was in London this week to continue his message that the information superhighway is coming. "Microsoft is spending over $100 million a year on software products that only make sense if the information highway takes off in business and the home," he said.

He is not so keen on voice recognition, however, and says that it will take three years to become useful. "If a speech recognition system is 95 per cent accurate it is worthless," he said.

BT shopping

BT is to set up eight high street "communications shops" during the next four months in a tie-up with Dixons. About 40 products will be available in the shops, which BT regards as a pilot study to be evaluated next spring. Customers will be able to order new BT lines, although they will not be able to pay their BT bills at the shops.

Hot chip

ADVANCED Micro Devices, the American manufacturer of integrated circuits, says it will have a clone of Intel's powerful Pentium chip by next summer. AMD, which already produces clones of other Intel chips that have resulted in copyright battles, says the new chip will be much faster than the Pentium.

Ring cycle

A 150-mile fibre optic ring traversing Silicon Valley from San Francisco to San José has been set up by the American telecommunications firm, Sprint, to test what can be done with multimedia applications in view of the convergence of telecommunications and computer technologies.

Other companies participating in this "proving ground" for advanced computer hardware and software development include Digital Equipment, Hewlett Packard, Tandem Computers and Sun Microsystems.

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We're open for business, virtually

HISTORY was made earlier this week when a computer-generated building was officially opened using the emerging technology of virtual reality, *writes Nick Nuttall.*

Virtual reality uses equipment such as headsets and joysticks to create the illusion that someone has physically entered a machine-generated world.

The opening ceremony was carried out by Sir William Stewart, chief scientific adviser to the Cabinet Office. Using a VR system he was able to control his "alter ego", a fist, to cross the road and enter a computer-generated layout of the University of Salford's new research and graduate college. Sir William unveiled a virtual reality plaque, with the event displayed on a big screen.

The ceremony was not just a frivolous example of advanced technology. Architects are turning to VR to show clients what the interior of a building will be like before it is built.

Amusement centres, including the Trocadero in London, have virtual reality systems that allow players to fly and shoot down aircraft or have gunfights in artificially generated worlds. Safety inspectors can "tour" a nuclear reactor or chemical factory to spot flaws in design before the structure is erected.



Sir William Stewart opens the college

Howard's way with porn

THE Government is taking sufficient action to fight computer pornography, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, said this week. But he admitted that there are problems in banning pornographic transmissions from abroad.

Action to curb the spread of violent or pornographic video and computer games was called for by the Commons Home Affairs Committee in February.

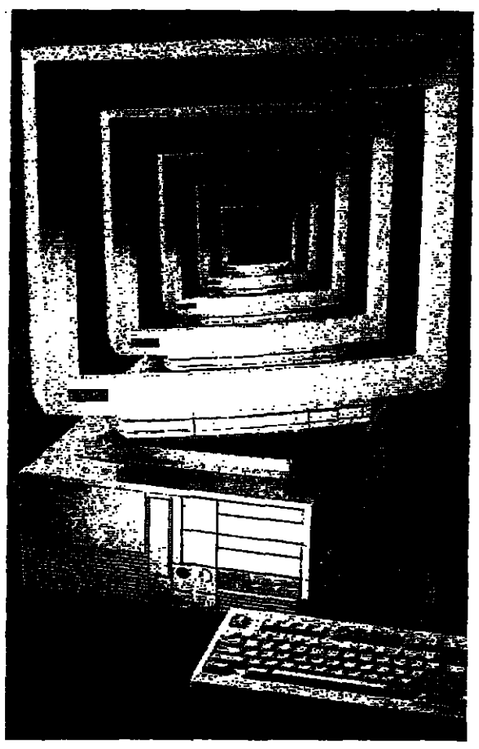
The Government's response was delayed to see how many of the committee's recommendations could be implemented in the Criminal Justice Bill. Mr Howard said most of its main recommendations were being dealt with and will become effective after the Bill becomes law later this year.

The Government believes the new legislation — which outlaws the transmission of computer images depicting child pornographic acts and increases the penalties for transmitting grossly offensive or indecent material — will deal with many of the committee's concerns.

But Mr Howard accepted there are difficulties in restricting pornographic transmissions from other countries. There were "serious doubts" about the ability to achieve an effective level of control over such transmissions he said. "Even after the discovery of such material on a system it would be difficult to prove importation by the owner or user of the system."

Among the committee's recomendations were a ban on importing computer pornography through phone lines and a ban on advertisements for computer pornography distributed from abroad.

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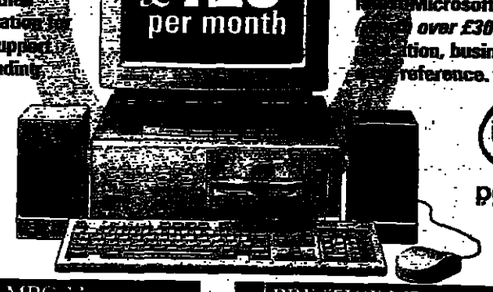
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Get access and get cool

A new Apple service makes going online easier, says David Hewson



A map to the superhighway: the eWorld screen makes it simple even for a child to find the way

New companies are better at marrying human beings to computers than Apple. Its Macintosh family of machines was widely derided for inventing the idea of mice, icons and windows a decade ago.

Now the point and click method is accepted as the best way of persuading people that using a computer does not require a degree in techno-speak, though most have adopted it through the rival Microsoft Windows operating system, and not on a Mac.

But mini and mainframe computer systems remain locked in a world of obscure codes and jargon. Online communication networks, which can be dialled from a PC and offer a wealth of electronic mail, news and software, reside on the big beasts of the computer world, and frequently slow it.

Navigating the Internet can be a complex task. Online networks generally differ in three key ways — price, the local content they have besides wide Internet access, and the software to navigate them.

It is in the last area that Apple aims to do for the superhighway what it did with the PC. This month its new eWorld online service becomes available in Britain, though at the moment you need an Apple computer to use it. The mission is to make worldwide telecommunications as easy as using a mouse.

The rewards for the company which manages to make simple, easy-to-read signposts for the superhighway may be huge. Compuserve, now the largest network with more than two million worldwide subscribers, started to grow beyond the realm of hardened computer addicts only when it added simple Windows and Macintosh interfaces. Some old criticisms remain, however, as they do with most of the older networks.

Apple's eWorld is designed from scratch as a "virtual community". When you log on, you are greeted with an aerial view of a small town and a short sound clip of moving traffic. If there is mail, a friendly female voice announces the fact and a red postvan turns up outside the e-mail centre.

The different areas of the network are grouped under nine different "buildings", including an arts and leisure pavilion, a learning centre with an online encyclopaedia and various education projects. The idea is that you choose the general area you want to explore and then, through visual and text cross references, quickly pick out the information you need.

eWorld has all the technical capabilities of conventional on-line networks. You can exchange e-mail with other eWorld "citizens" and anyone with an outside Internet address. Discussion forums, covering everything from politics to gay and lesbian issues, are scattered around the various buildings for those who want to argue online. The flavour is, to use a word strewn liberally throughout eWorld, "cool".

The system seems to have attracted more than its fair share of American writers and artists. Among them you will even find the *Vampire Chronicles* author Anne Rice posing as one of her characters.

New users should have no difficulty finding their way around eWorld. The content is fairly thin at the moment, and Internet access, for the moment, limited to e-mail. For all the visual gloss, once you do click your way through to the information you need it is usually stored in simple black and white folders familiar to Mac and Windows users.

But the system is fast and intuitive and, for once, makes some effort to include children among its users. A specific children's area, Blackberry Creek, has been set up and has a growing following. My children have acquired two pen friends in California and seem to get more eWorld mail than I do.

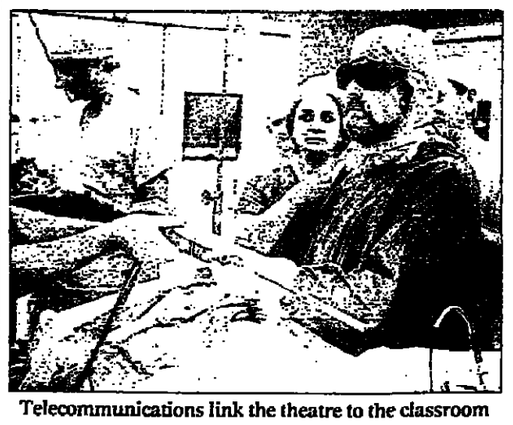
One of the reasons children are thought to be safe on the system is that eWorld is policed strictly. The so-called "community conference crew" will crack down on the harassment and bad language sometimes found on Internet.

The service has three serious disadvantages at the moment. It is limited to Apple Macintosh owners — a Windows version of the software will not become available until next year. The maximum access speed in the UK is currently 9,600 baud, and in many areas a local call will only get you 2,400 baud, which is too slow.

You can get by with 9,600 if all you need is e-mail, but downloading large files at this speed is uneconomic compared with the 14,400 baud rate available from other operators. Finally, eWorld is bound to be perceived as expensive, though this depends on your usage. It costs £5.70 a month for the subscription, then £5 per hour for the first two hours and £8.20 per hour for any subsequent ones. There are no premium areas which attract surcharges but this still puts the price of two hours' use a month at nearly £16, compared with £10 for four hours access per month on the online service Delphi. Compuserve's costs are more difficult to compare, however, since they vary according to what you use and when you use it.

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A ticket to the live theatre



Telecommunications link the theatre to the classroom

Users of new technologies need adequate training if they are to apply them properly. This is particularly true in medicine, where specialists and students are having to learn new techniques such as keyhole surgery.

Because of the vast numbers of trainees involved, traditional apprentice-like training schemes are not always appropriate. There are not enough consultants available to teach laparoscopic surgery on a one-to-one basis.

But the problem can be overcome, according to consultant gynaecologist Ray Garry, medical director of the Women's Endoscopic Laser Foundation at the South Cleveland Hospital, Middlesbrough, and St James' Hospital, Leeds, by bringing telecommunications technology into both operating theatres and classrooms.

Surgeons use fibre optics for training

Last month a fibre-optic link was used for the first time to connect an operating theatre at the Middlesbrough Hospital with classrooms 65 miles away at St James' Hospital and the Leeds General Infirmary.

"There are cameras, microphones and TV monitors in each hospital so that, for example, surgeons and students from Leeds are able to watch, and participate, in keyhole operations being performed at Middlesbrough," he said.

"The pictures and sound are sent simultaneously down a telephone cable so that the proceedings can be seen and heard in Leeds. There is two-way communication throughout. While operating, I can discuss the case with the viewers, and they will be able to question me. This system even enables them to see inside the patient's body, because there is a small camera placed on the end of one of the instruments."

The fibre-optic link has been financed by the Department of Health and the Wolfson Foundation, as part of a £4 million funding package for training keyhole surgeons.

It is likely to be the model for similar networks which will spring up in the future between other English hospitals. The eventual hope is that the entire NHS will be linked together in this way.

With up to a quarter of Britain's consultant gynaecologists having visited Middlesbrough for training workshops, and organisations such as the Royal Colleges increasingly demanding formal training courses in laparoscopic surgery, Mr Garry's team is also transferring its lectures and demonstrations on to CD-Rom.

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What do people do once they have been made redundant from a computer giant? **Emma Woollacott** reports

Out in the front line again

Over the past five years, the giants of the computer industry — including IBM, Digital and Unisys — have made thousands of people redundant as part of their reorganisation.

The first few thousand, at least, left with big payoffs and even more confidence. Many expected to walk straight into another job; others planned to put their industry experience to use as independent consultants. A few years on, how have these plans turned out?

Certainly, many have been successful. In June 1992, Richard Conway was made redundant — as was most of his department — from his position as a product marketing manager for Digital.

He says: "I'd been thinking about it long before it happened. I expected to find a job, but realised I'd rather work for myself." Mr Conway originally intended to offer marketing consultancy, but soon found that not enough work was available. Now, though marketing consultancy remains part of his business, he focuses on training and business-skills consultancy through his company, Nuskills Business Training.

Five years ago, there was a good market for consultancy, but this area has been steadily filling up. As Mr Conway says: "You hear all this stuff about successful second careers, but one thing I didn't realise when I set out to provide consultancy services was how many people had been there before me."

David Anderson was made redundant from Bull two and a half years ago. He has also taken the consultancy route — while still seeking a permanent job. He says it is important to take any opportunity. "The first work I did, I did for a very low rate," he says. "It was menial work, but it led to other things. I now have a three-month contract with a merchant bank."

Although most redundancy programmes aim to keep track of what happens to people after they leave, companies are reluctant to give this information away. But it is clear that a lot of would-be independent consultants find their hopes dashed. One fomer IBM manager says he is not unusual in being still unemployed two years after redundancy and the failure of an attempt to set up his own consultancy. "In retrospect," he says, "I think I was wrong about the extent to which people would want my experience. Experience in a company the size of IBM can be useless to a smaller business, and I had not then learnt how to sell myself."

David Bevan, marketing manager for Hunterskil, a recruitment consultancy, says many people tend to underestimate the extent to which their skills can be marketed elsewhere. He says: "The key skills are technical, rather than managerial ones. There is, for instance, still a demand for IBM mainframe skills. We are advertising now for people with such skills."

For some, redundancy can be the trigger to move into a new field.

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After his redundancy, Charles Monk used his management experience with Digital to open a brasserie.

Charles Monk accepted voluntary redundancy from Digital last summer after eight years with the company, most latterly with UK responsibility for the company's workstation lines.

Mr Monk says he first thought about looking for a similar job. But, he says: "I'd really done it all, and I don't like a job with 'strategic' in the title. I like to be in the front line, to be accountable. In one of my jobs I was driven crazy by the meetings."

Instead, he decided to do something completely different — to open a brasserie in Staines, Surrey. This was not some boyhood ambition, but rather the most promising option. Mr Monk funded Charlie's with his redundancy money and bank loans, and hired management consultants to advise on areas in which he felt his experience was weak. Now, he says, business is thriving, fuelled by his management experience. "I'd been in entrepreneur at Digital. I'd hacks piece of business, whether it was personal computers or workstations, and although I'd been using the resources in the company, I'd really been a little unit. That experience has paid off."

> Some underestimate the extent to which their skills can be marketed elsewhere

Mr Bevan expects the number of people being made redundant from now onto tail off. There are also more openings, particularly in contracting work, which tends to be six months ahead of the rest of the economy.

Mr Bevan's most important advice is to be clear about one's skills. The fact of having worked for a large corporation is not terribly valuable, but the skills involved are. It may take some getting used to, but experience with multi-million-pound budgets may be less useful to you now than the creaking mainframe programming language you learnt years ago.

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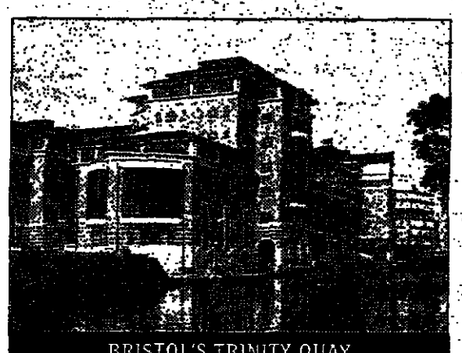
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A home for the Future

Richard Cork argues that one of Britain's most important collections of 20th-century art should be given a permanent gallery of its own

When the art dealer Eric Estorick died last Christmas, he left behind a remarkable collection of Italian Futurist art. The Tate Gallery, whose own holdings of Futurism are so sparse, must have wondered whether his paintings by Balla, Boccioni, Carrà, Severini and others might now become available. They would, after all, transform the Millbank collection at a stroke. These powerful images, from a leading *avant-garde* movement of the early 20th century, are just what the Tate needs to bolster its representation of this crucial period.

A choice selection from Estorick's collection, now on view at the Grosvenor Gallery, shows how important his Futurist pictures really are. The most mesmerising painting is Boccioni's *Modern Idol*. Bedecked with a clangorous array of flowers on her hat, the garishly made-up prostitute stares out from the canvas with wild, almost demented eyes. Shafts of light from street lamps slice through her, expressing the dynamism of the modern city. But the idol's gaze remains hypnotic, and her demonic intensity links up with an even more frenzied picture by Russolo.

An experimental composer as well as a painter, he celebrates the potency of sound in a colossal canvas called *Music*. The piano played by the silhouetted performer may look more conventional than the revolutionary "noise-tuners", which startled audiences at Russolo's notorious concerts. But the blue waves of sound undulating through the composition are strident enough, and they seem to galvanise the leering and grimacing masks rushing through the picture in a blur of Futurist dynamism.

Balla was the artist most fascinated by the spectacle of speed. With a near scientific precision, he defines the movement of a violinist's hand in successive stages up and down the instrument. The energy driving the performer's agile fingers is reinforced by the unusual shape of the canvas, narrowing sharply towards the base.

> Enough memorable work is on display to reveal the collection's stature

Sometimes, the Futurist obsession with motion results in eeriness. Carrà's *Leaving The Theatre* reduces the forms of the young women to little more than wraiths. Heavily swathed against the evening chill, they dart away from the hurtling cab as if fearing for their lives.

In this respect, Carrà's feeling for the macabre allies him with de Chirico. Although he stood firmly outside the Futurist orbit, de Chirico is well represented in the Estorick collection. *The Revolt of the Sage*, painted in 1916, is a disquieting image. Aggressive forms advance towards a still life, in a composition dominated by menacing diagonal bands thrusting across the space like armies on the attack.

By no means all the most outstanding Estorick pictures are in the Grosvenor show. Severini's superb *Boulevard*, a high-spirited evocation of Paris in the spring, is on loan, along with de Chirico's *Melancolia*, to the "La Ville" exhibition now touring Europe. And Carrà's collage, *Atmospheric Swirls. A Bursting Shell*, with its free-wheeling use of explosive words like "ZANG", can be seen in "A Bitter Truth: Avant-Garde Art and the Great War" survey at the Barbican Art Gallery.

But enough memorable work is on display to demonstrate the stature of the collection. Although Estorick showed plenty of other artists when he ran the Grosvenor Gallery, his first love was Italian paintings. He befriended Sironi and Morandi, and Severini's portrait of the bespectacled Estorick is included in the present show. Some of his best purchases came from the artists themselves, while others were bought for absurdly modest prices from other dealers. Boccioni's *Modern Idol* cost £600, and Balla's *Rhythm of the Violinist* was only half that sum.

So what will happen to them now? Luckily for us, Estorick wanted his Italian 20th-century masters to go to the Eric and Salome Estorick Foundation. The cream of the collection will go on public view, probably late next year, Northampton Lodge, a large house in Canonbury Square, Islington, has recently been bought by the foundation's executors. They plan to spend around £500,000 renovating the premises, so that the collection can be exhibited there in ideal conditions.

Apart from the Futurists, works by Modigliani, Rosso, Giacometti and Marini will be placed on permanent view. They amount to a stunning display, and Estorick's children, Michael and Isobel, want Northampton Lodge to house the work of young artists as well. Two coach houses adjoining the main building will be converted into lecture rooms and painters' studios. "We want Northampton Lodge to be a living thing rather than a museum," says Ray Perman, an executor of Estorick's estate. "Young artists will be given exhibitions there, and the best of them can then graduate to a West End show at the Grosvenor Gallery." Alexandra Noble, an able young curator from the South Bank Centre, has been appointed to run the exhibition programme at Northampton Lodge.

Everything now depends on the foundation's ability to obtain charitable status. Since Estorick was American, the negotiations with the charity commission are proving complex. But London has much to gain from the success of the application filed by the foundation. According to Michael Estorick, his father's urge to collect was powered by "energy, voraciousness, a willingness to ask and take advice, above all a passion for painting." Now there is a possibility that one man's passion can be transformed into an experience shared by everyone. It is an exciting prospect, and I hope that the foundation is allowed to implement its ambitious plans without undue delay.

● *Eric and Salome Estorick Memorial Exhibition at the Grosvenor Gallery, London (071-629 0891) until October 28*



Boccioni's *Modern Idol*: a garishly made-up prostitute stares out from the canvas with wild, almost demented eyes

MUSIC: Beethoven sonatas; Gluck opera

Generous helping of lyrical grace

Alfred Brendel
Festival Hall

FIVE Beethoven sonatas in one programme is generous even by Brendel's standards, and they took him one stage further in his latest excursion through the complete cycle. His loyal audience left very few seats unfilled, and were rewarded with piano playing of assured distinction.

Spacing out his Beethoven series at no more than two programmes a year means that each one is prepared as an entity, and also that the choice of sonatas can complement each other. Here they seemed planned to illustrate the lyricist in Beethoven more than his heroic side, or that venture into the realms of the spirit that came with his last works.

Reviewing Brendel's previous programme last April, Hilary Finch on this page questioned what she felt was the pianist's increasing tendency to drive the music too hard, the brain dominating the fingers more than the heart. But the "struggle between head and heart" that Beethoven actually suggested might be heard in the opening movement of Op 90 in E minor was here resolved by subtly expressive shading very much in favour of the latter.

Nor was there any lack of feeling for all the gentler aspects of Beethoven's writing, getting right inside the character of the opening sonatas, Op 79 in G and Op 78 in F sharp, played in that order. Brendel brought a wonderful teasing grace to the first of these, and an engaging technique of finger control in the pairs of notes passed rapidly from hand to hand in the second.

His playing was not entirely risk-free, as when he found more humour in the rondo finale of Op 28 in D than in its scherzo, but at the expense of fragmenting the music's continuity in places. For the climax to his programme he went back to Op 7 in E flat, imbuing it with a passionate vitality, sense of structure in the frequent clipped silences, and ultimate weight of almost symphonic proportions that fully justified Beethoven's definition of it as "Grande Sonate". And still there was more than one encore.

NOEL GOODWIN

Head before heart

Orpheus and Eurydice
Richmond Theatre

THERE is more than a touch of the surreal in Stephen Medcalf's production of Gluck's *Orpheus and Eurydice* for English Touring Opera. Visually, the credits are Magritte's, with the odd touch of Cocteau thrown in. Charles Edwards has created a neat, multi-angled black and white space for some highly effective body language which moves powerfully between realism and ritual.

Yet in this production, the heart is always lagging behind the head. Whenever Gluck's music fails to move, then something, you can be sure, is wrong. Despite its intelligence and coherence, Medcalf's production makes two crucial miscalculations. That initial desolate and solitary cry of "Eurydice!" does not surface, wonderfully, from among the mourners, but is uttered from the glare of a music-stand, from which Eurydice has had to tear Orpheus away during the overture, and to which he returns for his famous aria of grief in Act III. The point is neatly made: but the music is undercut at precisely the wrong moment, and the result is dramatic bathos.

Choosing the countertenor option for Orpheus is a tricky one, too. Timothy Wilson sings carefully and stylishly, but really doesn't have that elusive plangency of timbre and supple ease of phrasing to make the music speak.

Elizabeth Woollett's Eurydice is well worth waiting two acts for: full-throated and full-hearted, she is a real triumph for the machinations of Love (Helene Wold). Martin Andre conducts with a no-nonsense directness which also characterises Michael White's new English translation. Next stop Basingstoke, then on to Bath, Buxton and beyond.

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Matt Wolf talks to visiting Broadway star Judd Hirsch

Taxi to Scarborough

It is one thing to play a role for 11 months on Broadway, at the heart of the American theatre, and winning — as Judd Hirsch did for *Conversations With My Father* — a 1992 Tony Award. It is another to repeat the part for three months in Los Angeles, where all stage work inevitably amounts to a protracted audition for the cinema. And it's yet another to take the performance across the Atlantic to a 303-seat theatre in Scarborough, well away from the New York-London media *axis and for a salary that* would barely keep one in taxis in Manhattan.

But Hirsch, 59, belongs to a vanishing breed. Born in the Bronx, he is a true creature of the American theatre who has spent most of the past three decades appearing on and off Broadway. One senses that his periods away from the stage — on television for five seasons in *Taxi*, and in the Robert Redford film *Ordinary People*, for which he was nominated for an Oscar — serve to subsidise what he loves best: appearing live. If one were looking for a situation comparable to his current stint, perhaps only Stockard Channing's re-creation in England two years ago of her Broadway performance in *Six Degrees of Separation* comes close — but even that was in London, not in an out-of-season seaside resort.

"I didn't know what Scarborough was," Hirsch says. "Nobody sent me pictures: they didn't even send me a map." The attraction was the chance to premiere in Europe the newest play by a writer, Herb Gardner, who has been instrumental in his career; and to work with Alan Ayckbourn, the play's current director, whom Hirsch had never met. "This man's been working at this theatre how many years, like 30?" Hirsch says of Ayckbourn. "He certainly knows how to do plays, even other people's plays."



Hirsch: if you play one cab driver, you're typecast

Hirsch believes he owed Gardner a British engagement: "This is one I think the author deserves when you think of all the work he's done. He hasn't done a tremendous amount, but what he has done is part of the more important American theatre." Gardner has also kept Hirsch in regular employment: the actor began his career in 1964 in Gardner's first hit, *A Thousand Clowns*. Two decades on, he starred in the 1984 film of Gardner's play *The Goodbye People*. Two years later, Hirsch won his first Tony Award playing the 81-year-old Nat on Broadway in Gardner's *I'm Not Rappaport*.

I saw *Conversations* at a July 4 matinee two summers ago in what seemed an entirely Jewish audience, who cheered their approval of Gardner's tale spanning some 40 years in the assimilationist difficulties of Canal Street barman Eddie Ross. The "conversations" of the title refer to Eddie's ongoing influence over his son Charlie, who must lay his father's ghost to rest before he can come to terms with his own demons.

How will all this translate to Scarborough, which has at best a nominal Jewish audience? Hirsch admits that "if you don't have a picture of that place, [the Lower East Side], you won't get as strong a feeling about it." But, he continues, "you'll get the issue easily. I mean, you don't think of *Hamlet* as a Danish play."

If Hirsch is a star on stage, he remains a character actor on TV and film, and he knows that Hollywood perceptions can limit an actor's repertoire. After playing the psychiatrist in *Ordinary People*, the actor was offered "lots of shrinks"; with five seasons on TV in *Taxi* behind him, the perception was that "if you play one cab driver, then they expect you to do bit parts in some big movie as the guy who drives somebody else around. It's ridiculous."

Even creating a role on Broadway is no longer enough: when *Rappaport* is filmed next year, Walter Matthau will fill Hirsch's shoes. "The question is, would they believe me?" says Hirsch, who is some 20 years younger than the part. "I'm very old, but for some strange reason they won't accept me in a part I've already played."

● Conversations With My Father *opens at the Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough (0723 370541) on Tuesday*

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WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Andrew Davis rejoins the orchestra for tomorrow's performance of Berlioz's *Harold in Italy* and Jeremy Sams's new concert version of Schumann's *Manfred*. With viola soloist Nobuko Imai and the BBC Symphony Chorus.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

JAZZ AROUND TOWN There's much to choose from this weekend: to start with, **Inclassificable** headlines at Ronnie Scott's (see review, page 37), with Australian soul from Naomi Eyers. Expect some cool Ella-style singing from **Stacey Kent** and her quartet at Pizza Express and over at Pizza on the Park, **Christian Josi** continues to wow his audience as the new boy on the "Harry Connick Jr style" block. Trombonist **George Masso** crops by in Barnes tomorrow and the great **Art Farmer** takes over on Sunday with lunch in SW13 and dinner in W1 (PE).
Ronnie Scott's, Frith Street, W1 (071-439 0747). **PizzaExpress**, Dean Street (071-439 8722). **Pizza On The Park**, Knightsbridge, SW1 (071-235 5273). **Bull's Head**, Lonsdale Rd, SW13 (081-876 5241).

THE SEVEN STREAMS OF THE RIVER OTA Robert Lepage's latest work in progress arrives here at the end of a brief national tour. Hiroshima's Ota becomes a living river, carrying a young woman on an epic journey through the 20th century — Prague, Nazi Germany, Paris, New York, Hiroshima. First seen at this year's Edinburgh Festival.

Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-741 2255). Opens tonight, then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until Nov 6.

ELSEWHERE

MOLD First night of previews for Anthony Hopkins, directing and starring in *August*, Chekhov's *Uncle Vanya* relocated to Wales in Julian Mitchell's new version. In what must be at least a joint-record for ticket sales, there are already returns only.
Theatr Clwyd (0352 755114). Tonight until Nov 19.

BIRMINGHAM Michael Cashman and John Rogan star in **Loot** and **Entertaining Mr Sloane**, two of Joe Orton's blackest comedies. Gwenda Hughes directs.
Rep, Broad Street (021-236 4455). Sloane previews from tonight, 7.30pm. Loot previews from tomorrow, 7.30pm. Both open on Oct 27, until Nov 26.

Also in Birmingham tonight, **Harry Connick, Jr** hits town with his latest hot band. Limited seats available for a show not to be missed.
NEC, Junction 6, M42 (021-780 4133). Tonight, 6pm. At the **Sheffield Arena** tomorrow.

GLASGOW Writers' Voices is a chance to meet and mingle with some of the world's top writers: Iain Banks, Elaine Feinstein, poet Carolyn Kizer, Iain Crichton Smith, Arnold Wesker, Bernard MacLaverty, Frederic Raphael, and Russian Zinovy Zinik are just a few of the "names" participating in readings, lectures, discussions, etc.
Tickets from John Smith & Son Bookshop, Byres Road (041-334 2769). Tomorrow and Sun.

POOLE Richard Hickox conducts the **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra** for the UK premiere tonight of Philip Glass's *The Light*. Beethoven's Violin Concerto follows on and Sibelius's Symphony No 2 closes the programme.
Wessex Hall, Arts Centre, Kingland Road (0202 685222). Tonight, 7.30pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: A Bitter Truth: Avant-Garde Art and the Great War (071-638 4141). **British Museum**: Pre-Raphaelite Drawings; New European Applied Arts Galleries (071-636 1555) ... **Hayward**: The Romantic Spirit in German Art 1790-1990 (071-928 3144) ... **National Portrait Gallery**: The Sitwells (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery**: The Young Michelangelo (071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy**: The Glory of Venice (071-439 7438) ... **Serpentine**: Rebecca Horn (071-402 6075) ... **Tate**: Whistler; Rebecca Horn (071-887 8000) ... **V&A**: Kalighat: Indian Popular Painting 1800-1930; Nehru Gallery (071-938 8500) ... **Whitechapel**: Miquel Barcelo (071-522 7888).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **BEAUTIFUL THING** Jonathan Harvey's award-winning and touching play about teenage love, gay and straight, on a London council estate.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 6pm and 8.30pm.

□ **BOY** After their success with Shaun Duggan's shrewdly witty *Self-Catering*, Altered States present his new play, telling of the sexual fears and dreams of a Liverpool lad.
Lyric Studio, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 8701). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4.30pm. Until Nov 5.

□ **THE HOSTAGE** Spirited revival of Brendan Behan's exuberant romp, black around the edges, written at a time (1958) when "the Troubles" could be staged as pathetic jokers.
Barbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Tue, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm.

◩ **THE MORTAL ASH** Final performances for Richard Cameron's shrewd portrait of a Yorkshire family, victims of a hate campaign. Perceptive and warm, well worth seeing.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Tonight-Sat, 8pm.

◩ **MOSCOW STATIONS** Tom Courtenay's one-man performance as an alcoholic lost on the Moscow Underground. You probably won't see finer, more touching acting this year.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

◩ **NEVILLE'S ISLAND** Tony Slattery heads a strong cast playing a quartet of businessmen disastrously lost in the fog during a team-building exercise in Lakeland. Jeremy Sams directs Tim Firth's shrewd play.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm.

□ **ON APPROVAL** Peter Hall gives us the Lonsdale play as it was and is: a sophisticated diverting but relatively sadless piece. Martin Jarvis is in particularly brilliant form, with Anna Carteret, Louise Lombard and Simon Ward.
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◩ **ONCE ON THIS ISLAND** Splendidly executed production of the hit Broadway musical, transferred from Birmingham Rep. Showbiz and Caribbean folk-tale proves to be a successful marriage: terrific island sets right down to the lover.
Island (formerly the Royalty), Portugal St, WC2 (071-494 5090). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6pm, 8.45pm, mat Wed, 3pm.

□ **THE PRIME OF MISS JEAN BRODIE** Patricia Hodge plays the inspirational but dangerous schoolteacher in a revival of an old favourite. Alan Strachan directs.
Strand, Strand, WC2 (071-930 8800). Now previewing, 7.45pm, opens Oct 25.

◩ **THE SLAB BOYS TRILOGY** A revival of the plays of John (*Tutti Frutti*) Byrne, first seen in 1982. The lives of three hopefuls from youth to middle age, struggling to avoid a lifetime of toil in a Paisley carpet factory.
Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). In rep or as a Saturday marathon. Until Nov 12.

◩ **THE STREET OF CROCODILES** Theatre Complicite's much-toured evocation of the tales and times of Bruno Schulz. Skilful, intriguing and greatly enjoyed by many.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-930 7765). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 3.30pm. Until Nov 4.

◩ **WHAT A PERFORMANCE** David Suchet shows off well as he mugs and flounces as Sid Field in William Humble's stage biography of a comic genius.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Arcadia**: Haymarket (071-930 8800) □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... ◩ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ■ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ◩ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) □ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... ◩ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ◩ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ■ **Grease**: Dominion (071-416 6060) □ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404) ... □ **Lady Windermere's Fan**: Albery (071-867 1115) ... ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ■ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... □ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (071-836 8888) ... ◩ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ◩ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (071-344 0055) ◩ **The Winslow Boy**: Globe (071-494 5065) □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **THE CLIENT** (15): Mediocre version of John Grisham's thriller about a boy in jeopardy, with Susan Sarandon, Tommy Lee Jones, Brad Renfro (as the 11 year-old witness) and Anthony LaPaglia. Director, Joel Schumacher.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◩ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◩ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◩ (071-437 4343)

8 SECONDS (PG): Unwanted biopic of a rodeo rider. The year's dullest film with Luke Perry and Stephen Baldwin; director, John G. Avildsen.
MGMs: Fulham Road ◩ (071-370 2636) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Trocadero** ◩ (071-434 0031)

L'ENFER (15): Jealousy rages in a provincial hotel. Uneven thriller from Claude Chabrol, with Emmanuelle Béart and François Cluzet.
Chelsea (071-351 3742) **Curzon Phoenix** (071-240 9661)

LANCELOT DU LAC (PG): Robert Bresson strips the Arthurian legend bare in a minimalist masterpiece from 1974. With Luc Simon and Laura Duke Condominas.
Everyman ◩ (071-435 1525)

ORPHEE: Jean Cocteau's mesmerising retelling of the Orpheus legend, revived in a new print. With Jean Marais, Maria Casar.
NFT (071-928 3232)

◆ **PULP FICTION** (18): Quentin Tarantino's flamboyant crime epic weaves together three tales from the LA underworld. With John Travolta, Bruce Willis, Samuel L. Jackson, Uma Thurman, Harvey Keitel and Amanda Plummer.
Gate ◩ (071-727 4043) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ◩ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◩ (071-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **THE ADVENTURES OF PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT** (15): Two drag queens and a transsexual get stuck in the Australian outback. Joyful and vulgar romp with Terence Stamp and Hugo Weaving; director, Stephan Elliott.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Trocadero** ◩ (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** ◩ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◩ (071-437 4343)

◆ **CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER** (12): Harrison Ford fights Government duplicity and Colombia's drug cartels. The best Jack Ryan adventure so far.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◩ (071-434 0031) **Plaza** ◩ (0800 888997)

◆ **FORREST GUMP** (12): Endearing if indulgent odyssey through post-war America, ideal for baby boomers. With Tom Hanks. Director, Robert Zemeckis.
Barbican ◩ (071-638 8891) **Empire** ◩ (0800 888911) **MGMs: Baker St** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◩ (071-434 0031) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◩ (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** ◩ (071-792 3332)

GERONIMO (12): Strangely dull account of the Apache warrior's capture from director Walter Hill. With Jason Patric, Gene Hackman, Robert Duvall and Wes Studi.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

THE HUDSUCKER PROXY (PG): Ritzy comic pastiche from the Coen brothers, with Tim Robbins, Jennifer Jason Leigh and Paul Newman.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

◆ **THE LION KING** (U): African lion cub almost loses his father's throne. Much hyped but charmless Disney cartoon, not meant for tiny tots.
Barbican ◩ (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Sq** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Screen/Baker St** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ◩ (071-792 3332)

THE RED SQUIRREL (18): Fresh and frisky anti-machismo frolic by rising Spanish director Julio Medem. With Emma Suarez and Nancho Novo.
Metro (071-437 0757) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

◆ **SPEED** (15): Enjoyable package of thrills, with Keanu Reeves as the SWAT team daredevil faced with a bomb on an LA bus. With Dennis Hopper.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◩ (071-792 3332)

THREESOME (18): Shallow but smart college comedy with good quips and attractive performances. Andrew Fleming directs.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Piccadilly** (071-437 3561) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Warner** ◩ (071-437 4343)

◆ **WHEN A MAN LOVES A WOMAN** (15): Serious, well-focused drama about alcohol abuse, detoxification and after. With Meg Ryan and Andy Garcia.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** ◩ (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Warner** ◩ (071-437 4343)

WOLF (15): Jack Nicholson's beast within finally comes out. Amusing, intelligent werewolf movie, with Michelle Pfeiffer. Director, Mike Nichols.
Odeon Mezzanine ◩ (0426 915683)

THEATRE: Young playwrights at the Royal Court; and Sue Townsend's royal satire returns

Spotlight on youth



The jewel of the Royal Court season for young writers: Elizabeth Berrington and Eileen O'Brien in *The Nocky*. Michael Wynne's play about a dysfunctional family

Coming On Strong
Royal Court

Playwrights have notoriously short working lives. For every Arthur Miller able to enjoy an Indian summer at the age of 79, there are many more who find themselves frozen out. Indeed, several celebrated graduates of George Devine's Royal Court have complained of the indifference of younger directors towards their work.

On the other hand, with novelty at a premium, there exists a host of opportunities for dramatists at the opposite end of the scale. At the Royal Court itself, the Young Writers' Festival this year celebrates its 21st birthday with a vibrant programme of four new plays, plus curtain-raisers, under the title, "Coming On Strong".

The youngest writer, ten-year-old Jeananne Craig, provides a 15-minute sketch, *The Four Star Hotel*. Like Feydeau before her, Craig has recognised the farcical possibilities in the endless entrances and exits of hotel life. Her incongruous clientele, including businesswoman, beggar, wide boy and Hare Krishna devotee, hover around an increasingly harassed receptionist. Given the author's age, it may seem facile to praise her Daisy Ashford-style charm; but that is precisely the quality in which her play abounds.

Craig hails from Londonderry, where the Royal Court's young people's theatre recently held workshops. Another playwright discovered there is 16-year-old Kevin Coyle, whose *Corner Boys* takes a wry look at two teenagers (Jonathan McGuinness and Alan Maher) who are, as the song puts it, "Standing on the corner watching all the girls go by". Coyle writes excellently about adolescent frustrations, clumsy pick-ups, divided loyalties, and the gang warfare which destroys romance. In his bleak scenario, Tybalt wins.

Coyle's dialogue has the authentic ring of personal experience, as does that of 15-year-old Hayley Daniel, whose short, intense *Looking For Home* depicts the loving-loathing relationship of a mother and daughter. And yet, whereas Coyle shows an admirable ability to see the humour in his fumbling boys, Daniel's approach suggests that the material may still be too close for her fully to dramatise.

There is deep pain in the portrait of 13-year-old Sam (beautifully played by Sarah-Jane Potts), who feels powerless in the face of her mother's requests and rages, and remarkable understanding in that of the frustrated Lyn (equally excellent Annie Hayes), who threatens Sam with the contemporary variant on "Wait until your father gets home", to wit "You can go and live with your father". But their relationship exists in a vacuum, unlike the similarly volatile one depicted by an earlier schoolgirl playwright, Shelagh Delaney, in *A Taste of Honey*.

The two most substantial plays are written by university graduates, 21-year-old Michael Wynne and 22-year-old Rebecca Prichard. In *Essex Girls*, Prichard examines her eponymous heroines, first humorously, as three schoolgirls chatter in a cloakroom, and then poignantly, when a depressed teenage mother is visited by an ebullient friend. Her cracking ear for dialogue and a knock-out performance by Nicola Stapleton make the first part more successful than the static and over-long second.

The jewel of the season is Wynne's *The Nocky*, in which a supremely dysfunctional family on a Birkenhead housing estate gathers to celebrate the grandmother's 70th birthday, during which a grandson is revealed as a thief, a vegetarian granddaughter forced to confess that she works in an abattoir, a topless aunt causes a peeping Tom to die of a heart attack and the grandmother reveals that she is, in fact, 74. No wonder that the aunt announces to two plainclothes policemen: "If you're Jehovah's Witnesses, we're past salvation".

From its opening shadow-play inside a tent, through the by-play with an unidentified testicle and a hilarious karaoke sequence (courtesy of the magnificent Elizabeth Berrington) to anger over social deprivation and a bitter-sweet ending, Wynne demonstrates a grasp of tone and structure which would be remarkable in a playwright twice his age.

Indeed, while there is something Adrian Moleish about the programme's emphasis on the writers' ages, neither their work nor the expert productions by Jane Collins and Roxana Silbert require any special pleading. All the dramatists have heeded the conventional wisdom to write about what is close to them and the dominant style is comic realism. It is to be hoped that they will now be given the chance to develop and that opportunities will not dry up with their youth.

MICHAEL ARDITTI

Her kingdom for a council house



Paula Wilcox as the Queen, with anonymous hairy friend

The Queen and I
Vaudeville

IS Jonathan Dimbleby secretly employed as a publicist by Sue Townsend Writing Industries? It is certainly suspicious that the West End transfer of her play should coincide with the latest horror to hit the troubled Windsors. A few months ago, the idea of the royal family being banished by public referendum to a low-life housing estate seemed amusingly preposterous. Now Townsend could relocate *The Queen and I* in the cellars at Ekaterinberg and nobody would think her futuristic fantasies exotic.

Not that the play is as subversive as one might expect or Townsend may have intended. She gives the impression of being that not-unfamiliar paradox, a professed leveller who, were she to meet a royal personage, would start giggling and girlishly trembling in her blue stockings. By the end, the Queen is to her what Harold Macmillan became to the Left when he made his celebrated remarks about selling the family silver: the voice of British decency in a cowboy world.

This side of the play is, however, upstaged by a lot of sub-*Spitting Image* stuff with topical overtones. Princess Diana, in Lizzy McInnerny's performance a dim, flirtatious Sloane, comes with a forced joke about her fondness for officers who aren't gentlemen, as well as a reference to abortive phone calls. The Prince of Wales, predictably played by Toby Salaman as a human Toby jug with strangled vowels and New Age opinions, rounds on his parents, complaining that they taught him "to keep my hands behind my back and my emotions somewhere else". Meanwhile, Gillian Hanna's Queen Mum offers her explanation for the woes of Windsor: "We weren't choosy enough when it came to finding Charles a wife."

Actually, life amid the Bosnian mix of broken bricks and shattered concrete of Fotini Dimou's set is not woe for all the Windsors. Prince Philip may retire in outrage to bed; but the Queen Mother ambles companionably about with an old West Indian lady and Charles enters the spirit of the place, landing up in jug for striking a policeman with a yell of "Fascist pig". But it is Paula Wilcox's sensible and genial Queen who makes the most complete adjustment. It is she who learns to deal with the DSS; she who goes scavenging for discarded vegetables in the local market, she who uses a pirate Christmas broadcast to alert Britain, Lear-like, to poverty and want.

That isn't truthful or emphatic enough to change a mild, jokey play into a tough, punchy one; but it is interestingly odd. When historians inspect our era, they might note in passing that a successful writer with republican leanings made the Queen her moral heroine. The royal family must be doing something right.

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SHANE MACGOWAN AND THE POPES
The Snake
(ZTT/WEA 4509-98104)
AFTER his retirement from the Pogues on grounds of "ill health" in 1991, Shane MacGowan seemed destined to become another talented casualty of the rock'n'roll lifestyle, a name to file alongside such celebrated burnouts as Syd Barrett, Brian Wilson and Peter Green.

But while the Pogues have faltered (last year's *Waiting For Herb* was a pale shadow of their former glories), MacGowan has bided his time and now returns with his new, cheekily named backing group and a debut solo album that fully recaptures the boisterous spirit of the Pogues in their heyday.

MacGowan's singing on *The Snake* is still the shambles it always was, his gruff, garbled diction and spluttering attempts at hitting the note functioning as little more than an apology for a voice. But his marvellous, punk-Celtic tunes and richly spun lyrics of drunken derring-do are as inspired as ever. Typical of the album's exuberant charm is "A Mexican Funeral In Paris", a rollicking tale of gangsters and drug smugglers shooting it out on the boulevards of the French capital, propelled by the blast of a mighty horn section where the chorus ought to be.

There are fast, bawdy reels such as "Donegal Express" and slow, lilting tales of love not so much lost as squandered ("The Song With No Name"). And, inevitably, there is a preponderance of drinking songs, including the riotous hit single, "That Woman's Got Me Drinking", which offers reliable evidence that on a good night MacGowan is still capable of counting up to ten.

"They don't come much more prodigal than MacGowan, and his return to such inspired active duty is all the more welcome for that.

GLORIA ESTEFAN
Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me
(Epic 477416)
THEY'RE all at it. Following on from Luther Vandross and Eric Clapton, here comes Gloria Estefan with a new album of old songs first popularised by other artists. *Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me* is a collection of Estefan's favourites from the 1960s and 1970s, "songs that not only moved me personally", as she explains in the sleeve notes, "but eventually influenced my singing style."

Although performed with all the polish and passion that one would expect from the Latino-disco songbird, her alarmingly mainstream choice of songs makes the album a wearying experience.

Despite the occasional splashes of percussive colour, as on the single "Turn The Beat Around", there is a predictable pattern to her versions of Love Affair's "Everlasting Love", Gerry and the Pacemakers' "Don't Let The Sun Catch You Crying" and Blood, Sweat and Tears' "You've Made Me So Very Happy", while her supper-club arrangement of "Breaking Up Is Hard To Do" makes Neil Sedaka's original seem positively rock'n'roll by comparison.

JON SPENCER BLUES EXPLOSION
Orange
(Matador OLE105)
A TRIO of desperados from New York, the Jon Spencer Blues Explosion has left an indelible impression on the British underground psyche in the wake of their two brief but telling visits this year.

At the helm is Spencer himself, a man with an unbelievably dishevelled guitar sound and a mad-dog voice that borrows inspiration from Jerry Lee Lewis, the Cramps, the Beastie Boys and Captain Beefheart in the space of one verse of *Orange*'s deranged opening track "Bellbottoms".

Together with guitarist Judah Bauer and drummer Russell Simins (there is no bass player), Spencer conjures a psycho-punk, 1990s vision of the blues: a barging, blaring, banging episode of musical shunt and shove that stops just short of bedlam.

It is a wildly entertaining experience, although if your idea of the blues is catching Eric Clapton at the Albert Hall, some preliminary readjustment will be necessary.

DAVID SINCLAIR

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MARTIN BEDDALL



Surrounded by rock delights including two very rare concert posters worth thousands, Steven Currie, organiser of the 1994 Pop Culture Memorabilia Fair, fingers a few notes

The old curiosity shoppers

From Beatles bathmats to Abba cologne, pop memorabilia will be up for grabs in London this Sunday. **Guy Walters** reports

There is very little difference between he who collects train numbers and he who scours record fairs for that oh-so-rare Captain Beefheart Japanese import. There is that same zealous glint in the eye, that same wealth of Biros in the top pocket, and yes, even the same Hush Puppies. But whereas the much-derided train spotter has to make do with locomotives and coaches, the record collector can diversify from plain old vinyl. For rock bands are not just the sum of their musical output, but also their assorted merchandise — from jigsaw puzzles to crockery, toiletries to bubblegum cards.

On Sunday, Wembley Exhibition Centre plays host to the 1994 Pop Culture Memorabilia Fair. It promises to be "the major memorabilia event of the year", with 300 stalls of items, along with their attendant experts ready to give valuations on your Beatles bathroom tiles, as well as wishing to sell you a 1976 Elvis Presley AM radio. But it won't just be pop music memorabilia on display — vintage advertisements, jukeboxes, comics and period clothing will all be jostling for nostalgic attention.

The fair is organised by Steven Currie, an avid collector of all things pop cultural. Although Currie is only 32, he has 16 years' worth of experience under his S-belt. His stall boasts anything from a photograph of Pan's People signed by Babs, Louise and Dee Dee, to an original painting taken from the Beatles' Apple Boutique at 94, Baker Street. He will part with neither, although he estimates the former is worth £20, the latter £1,000.

This year's fair will be the biggest of its kind, an opportunity, Currie says, "for some formalised networking between collectors. This is a relatively new field in collecting, although there have always been auctions for some of the major pieces." Such auctions have been known to raise fantastic amounts. Last August, Bonhams sold a jacket, as worn by Jimi Hendrix, for £38,000.

Ted Owen, who organised the Bonhams sale, says: "Collecting pop memorabilia is coming back with a bang after the recession. In 1992 and 1993 it levelled out, not because of lack of interest, but simply because there was a lack of cash."

But the fair at Wembley will not just be for those with humungous wallets. A variety of cheaper, though no less interesting pop artefacts, reflects Owen's belief that interest in these items has taken off quite recently. "There are now a lot of smaller things available that the general public can go for."

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Currie's stall exemplifies this. A canister of "With the Beatles" talcum powder (complete with powder) will go for about £100 — an expensive way to dry off after a shower maybe, but an essential item for the pop fanatic's medicine cabinet of fame. Then, after applying Beatles talc, why not splash on a bit of "Frida" cologne, yours for £25? Frida was, of course, the brunette in Abba, but her early Seventies eau de toilette was rather less of a hit than "Waterloo". Then pamper your nails with some "Lulu" nail polish drier, also £25.

Before applying all these pop toiletries, however, you could be dripping on to George Harrison grinning inanely from a Beatles bathmat, yours for another £100. And, when you leave the bathroom, do not forget to turn off the light — otherwise you might burn a hole in your £15 Osmonds lampshade. On second thoughts, maybe you should leave it on ...

The fair will also contain some more conventional items of memorabilia such as signed singles, posters and concert programmes. But they will not come cheap. Currie has a poster advertising what can only described as a monster among 1960s gigs. At Green's Playhouse in Glasgow in December 1967, the massed ranks of the Jimi Hendrix Experience, the Move, "the" Pink Floyd, the Nice and Amen Corner assembled to play to punters willing to fork out 15/- (75p). Currie would not sell his poster for less than £1,500. A hand-painted poster advertising the Beatles supporting Mr Acker Bilk on a "Riverboat Shuffle" down the Mersey in 1961 would cost £2,000. Tickets were on sale for what is now 42p.

If you find these prices astonishing, then what do the stars themselves make of it all? Owen supervised the recent "Warchild" charity auction at the Flowers East gallery in east London, a sale of works of art by pop stars such as David Bowie and Bryan Ferry to raise money for children in Bosnia. Paul McCartney donated a small woodcarving. It sold for £12,500. "Despite the fact that this was for charity", Owen says, "even he was surprised. He couldn't quite believe it."

What it comes down to is simple — if a cheeky young lad gave you a little *objet d'art* in Liverpool in the late 1950s, have another look at it. There are those at Wembley who might pay a lot for it.

● *The 1994 Pop Culture Memorabilia Fair is at Hall 1, Wembley Exhibition Centre (081-902 8833): Sunday 11am to 6pm. Admission £3, concessions £1.50*

Turn on, tune in, switch off

Xfm radio plays great indie sounds. So why has it constantly been rejected for a licence?

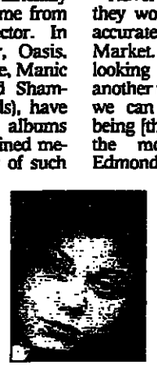
In a world full of confusion, disappointments and bizarre parking restrictions, there are a few, small things that are definite, cheering and helpful to bear in mind when Sad Syndrome really starts kicking in — like about now.

1. British pop music, over the past 30 years or so, has constantly led the world: set the agenda; and forced millions of naive young pop-fans into a variety of ill-fitting shoes. The British may be rubbish at football, look bemused at the concept of late-night shopping and run in horror from any whisper of fresh vegetables, but, by God, we know how to shove a guitar into an amp.

2. In general, the most media-worthy and financially viable new bands come from the "alternative" sector. In recent months, Blur, Oasis, Pulp, Therapy?, Suede, Manic Street Preachers and Shampoo (all British bands), have all had Top Five albums and/or singles; or gained media attention by way of such industry shebangs as the Mercury Music Prize.

3. Alternative music is the fourth most popular form of contemporary music. A recent poll by RSL (compilers of the radio industry's bible on audience size) shows that alternative/-indie music comes out behind soul/blues, dance and pop music, but ahead of adult contemporary music — the stuff that Radio 1, Virgin 1215, GLR, Capital, nearly every BBC regional radio station, and *every* local independent radio station pumps out every day.

So bearing all this in mind, any logical person would think: "Hey! There's all these *cool kids* playing *ace music* that's getting to the *top of the charts*, and which more people want to listen to than *Mariah Carey or Elton John* — so why isn't there a radio station that plays just this kind of stuff?"



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Advertisers would love it, as they would be instantly and accurately accessing the Youth Market. "We will surely be looking forward to having another radio station on which we can advertise, Kiss 100 being [the] only alternative [at the moment]," says Roy Edmondson, marketing manager of Levi Strauss.

And the public would stay at home, all the time, listening to the radio station it truly likes and identifies with; and would not have time to do any of those other traditional youth activities such as rioting against the Criminal Justice Bill.

And that's exactly what promoter Sammy Jacobs and Chris Parry, owner of Fiction, the Cure's record label, thought. They called their idea Xfm, and went out on a temporary local licence to the north London boroughs of Camden and Islington for a month. They applied for a full-time licence and were turned down. They went out for a month again. Were turned down again. Even in this short space of time, they turned more than £140,000 in revenue and were voted New Medium of the Year by *Music Week*.

When Xfm applied *again* for a permit to broadcast in this year's autumn giveaway of licences, it seemed a certain thing that we would all be tuning our radios to 103 FM, then ripping the tuning knob off and leaving it jammed on Xfm forever.

However, last week it was announced that the available licences would be going to Crystal FM, an adult contemporary pop station; Radio Viva, a "women's" radio station playing, um, adult contemporary pop; London Christian Radio (be still, my whiplash tongue); and Virgin London FM, owned by Richard Branson and concentrating mainly on — surprise! — adult contemporary pop. Oh, hoopla hoopla. Let joy be unconfined.

So, a question: why, when Xfm has garnered more public and industry support that any other application in the history of radio licensing — more than 2,000 letters from the public; press coverage that would make Princess Diana cry; support from every single record company in Britain; sponsorship by such blue-chip companies as Levi Strauss, Virgin Retail, *The Guardian* and TDK; and the ability to get the only interview that U2 gave in 1992 because U2 thought Xfm was cool — were they turned down yet again?

It's not for me to speculate about business details, projected earnings, or the politics behind such moves. The matter of Xfm *should* have gone beyond that; traditionally, the machinations of the market work in such a way that a vacuum is filled, a demand is satisfied with service, and public opinion does, eventually, have the final say.

It seems that, in the case of Xfm, not even public demand has any say in the matter.

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No residence order on child living abroad

In re S (a Minor) (Residence Order: Jurisdiction)

Before Mr Justice Thorpe

[Judgment October 7]

Under section 2(2) of the Family Law Act 1986 an English court had no jurisdiction to entertain an application for a residence order in respect of a child who was habitually resident in Holland and who had not been present in England and Wales at the date of issue of the application.

However, the court retained jurisdiction to specify or define conditions in a residence order which had been granted prior to the child moving to Holland.

A parent who was given leave to remove a child from the jurisdiction should not be required to undertake to return the child if so ordered by the court unless there was a specific justification for such an undertaking.

Mr Justice Thorpe so held in the Family Division in a judgment given in open court following a hearing in chambers, when, *inter alia*, refusing to accept jurisdiction over a father's application for a residence order in respect of his son aged four who lived with his mother in Holland.

The father's alternative application for the determination of specific contact dates in accordance with a residence order made by Judge Coningsby, QC, on June 24 1993, when the child had lived in England, was allowed.

Judge Coningsby had ordered that the child could be removed out of the jurisdiction permanently to Holland by the mother, who gave an undertaking that she would return the child to the jurisdiction if the court so ordered.

Miss Kay Jones and Mr Michael Nicholson for the father; Ms Tina Cook for the mother; Mr Allan Levy, QC, as *amicus curiae*.

MR JUSTICE THORPE said that the principle object of Part I of the 1986 Act seemed to be to avoid difficulties and conflicts created by the fact that there were three separate legal jurisdictions operating within the UK. Where the conflict crossed state boundaries it was not at first sight clear whether sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Act were intended to apply.

However, his Lordship was in no doubt at all that they were. Therefore, if the father's application was for an order under section 8 of the Children Act 1989 then it was specifically excluded by section 2(2) of the 1986 Act unless the child was present in England and Wales at the date of issue of the application.

Miss Jones had sought to say that the father's application for a residence order was in truth only an application to vary the residence order made in 1993. Prior to the 1989 Act, if an order in a non-matrimonial case had been made in favour of a mother, an application by the father to reverse the matter would have been in the form of a variation application.

That contention was outweighed in his Lordship's judgment by the reality that section 2(2) was intended to prevent the litigation of primary questions of custody unless the subject child fulfilled either the qualification of residence or presence. The father's application was, in his Lordship's judgment, a free-standing application for a section 8 order and the court had no jurisdiction to entertain it since the child was not habitually resident or present in the jurisdiction at the date of issue.

The primary function of Part I of the 1986 Act was to avoid wasteful competition between the three jurisdictions within the UK, accordingly section 3(1)(b) allowed jurisdiction on the foundation of mere presence, provided that the child was not habitually resident in any part of the United Kingdom.

It would have seemed bizarre if jurisdiction had turned on what might have been chance or a strategic manoeuvre, as to whether the child had happened to be in England and Wales at the date of issue of the application. There was a strong argument for the suggestion that section 3(1)(b) should be amended to read "not habitually resident in any other jurisdiction".

Was the father's alternative application, for the definition of contact dates in accordance with the original order, an application to vary or discharge in respect of which jurisdiction was retained?

Parliament had intended the court to retain jurisdiction in respect of continuing orders which might require occasional variation or discharge.

If jurisdiction to vary those conditions remained, *a fortiori* remained the jurisdiction to further specify or define those conditions without variation. Therefore the court did have jurisdiction to entertain the father's alternative application.

Was the existence of jurisdiction in any way affected by the undertaking given by the mother to the court to return the child to the jurisdiction if so ordered. In his Lordship's judgment the undertaking was irrelevant to the decision as to whether or not the application was caught by Part I of the Act.

The same undertaking had for many years automatically been extracted from any successful applicant for leave to take a child out of the jurisdiction. It had undoubtedly had a useful function in the days when the movement of children across international borders had not been regulated by international convention and statute as it was today.

However, in the age succeeding the Hague Convention, scheduled to the Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985, and the Family Law Act 1986 his Lordship could not see that that conventional undertaking had a surviving use or function. There might be cases in which it was still appropriately sought but it should not be automatically sought and certainly not unless there was some specific justification for it.

Solicitors: Iliffes Booth Bennett, Uxbridge; Donne Mileham & Haddock, Brighton; Official Solicitor.

No definition of 'exceptional circumstances'

In re the Children Act 1989 (Taxation of Costs)

Before Mr Justice Cazalet with assessors

[Judgment August 26]

There could be no legal definition of "exceptional circumstances" in the Legal Aid in Family Proceedings (Remuneration) Regulations (SI 1991 No 2038). Where such circumstances did arise a taxing officer exercising a discretion to allow an uplift had to use as a starting point the rate prescribed in those regulations. Bills of costs should be drafted in a way that identified and particularised those specific items of work requiring the exercise of that discretion.

Mr Justice Cazalet sitting with assessors so stated in a chambers judgment in the Family Division, reported with his Lordship's consent, on review of taxation of costs for work done in the course of care proceedings under the Children Act 1989.

Mr Martin Farber for the solicitors.

MR JUSTICE CAZALET, giving the judgment of the court, said that the taxation gave rise to three difficult and important points:

1 What was the meaning of "other exceptional circumstances of the case" in regulation 3(4)(c)(iii) of the 1991 Regulations?

2 If there were other exceptional circumstances of the case or exceptional competence or exceptional expedition within the meaning of regulation 3(4)(c) could the taxing officer have any, and if so what regard to the rates prescribed by the regulations in arriving at the "larger amount" specified in that regulation?

3 Where in a bill of costs exceptional competence, expedition or other exceptional circumstance was claimed, how should such be set out in the bill and be dealt with by the district judge or taxing officer?

On the first question, his Lordship did not feel that a legal definition could be given to the words "exceptional circumstances" or was necessary.

His Lordship considered that "exceptional circumstances of the case" meant the circumstances of the particular case at whatever level of court it was heard. The fact that a case might be more difficult for an experienced tribunal of whatever level was no more than an indicator of the potential presence of exceptional circumstances. It was only if the case affected the work done by the lawyers in a qualitative or quantitative sense that it became reasonable for the taxing authority to exercise the discretion.

In the present case District Judge Segal found that the only exceptional circumstance was membership by the solicitor who appeared as advocate of the Law Society's Children Act Panel.

In his Lordship's judgment, the number of contesting parties, witnesses and advocates, the estimated length of the case, the nature and number of the allegations and the presence of a difficult client were all factors. The case had no novel features but it had certain features beyond that found by District Judge Segal that constituted exceptional circumstances.

The next issue was how that discretion was to be exercised. District Judge Segal had taken the view that the taxing officer had to have a starting point. He considered that point to be the amount or amounts fixed by Schedule 1 to the 1991 Regulations.

He considered that the words "larger amount" in regulation 3(4)(c) of necessity entailed a consideration of the amount fixed by the Matrimonial Causes (Costs) Rules (SI 1988 No 1328), which were incorporated into the 1991 Regulations, when the taxing officer was considering whether to exercise his discretion. If he was not to have regard to the amount fixed in the schedule how was he to ascertain what other amount would constitute a larger amount? His Lordship agreed with that approach.

Once exceptional circumstances were identified, the exercise of discretion was what was required rather than the application of a precise mathematical calculation. To prescribe the method in which that larger amount should be calculated was, in his Lordship's view, unhelpful because it came down to an exercise of discretion and it was not appropriate to seek to fetter such discretion.

His Lordship regarded as noteworthy the following factors:

1 Where a case was transferred to a care centre or from there to the High Court the fact of transfer was not conclusive of exceptional circumstances. It was no more than an indicator of complexity and weight.

2 Innate difficulties of communication with a client might give rise to exceptional circumstances, although consideration might first be given as to whether the matter had not been covered by longer than the normal hours of attendance being claimed.

3 A conflict of detailed expert evidence as opposed merely to contested expert evidence and/or a proliferation of expert witnesses was more likely to constitute an exceptional circumstance.

4 Detailed contested allegations of sexual or other serious abuse might but would not necessarily raise exceptional circumstances.

5 Hearings in excess of two days undertaken by solicitors without reliance on counsel could well raise them.

6 A large number of parties with competing applications might but would not necessarily give rise to exceptional circumstances.

7 A conflict between the guardian *ad litem* and the child in a case where the child proceeded to instruct his own solicitor could well constitute an exceptional circumstance both for the solicitor for the guardian and the solicitor for the child.

8 The involvement of children with different needs might but would not necessarily constitute such circumstances.

His Lordship also gave some guidelines on submitting a bill of costs where exceptional circumstances arose:

An uplift in the hourly rate for membership of the Children Act Panel in cases properly lasting more than two days would normally be justified.

Likewise a similar uplift in respect of attendances without counsel at the hearing of cases properly lasting more than two days was reasonable.

The court would expect taxing officers to be vigilant in ensuring that solicitors did not seek to manufacture exceptional circumstances by acting in matters where clearly it was unsuitable to act.

Where a panel solicitor appeared in private proceedings his membership of the panel should be seen as a pointer towards an exceptional circumstance. Length of a substantive hearing or indeed an interlocutory hearing might be relevant.

Where an exceptional circumstance arose it was insufficient for the solicitor simply to include in a bill some generalised phrase and a request of the taxing officer to allow throughout the bill a charging rate in excess of the prescribed rate or mark-up or both.

Bills of costs should be drafted in a way that identified and particularised those specific items of work requiring the exercise of discretion otherwise the taxing officer would be bound by the specified rates in Schedule 1.

The existence of an exceptional circumstance was unlikely to lead to an enhanced discretionary rate throughout the bill. Rather the taxing officer would apply a larger amount to such parts of the bill as might be appropriate.

Where an hourly rate was sought in excess of the specified amount, that should be stated and an explanation of how it was calculated provided. The bill should also identify and justify the specific areas of activity where it was claimed that the larger amount should apply.

That would add to the burden of solicitors and costs draftsmen in preparing bills and of taxing officers in determining them, but to protect the legal aid fund and ensure that the solicitor was properly remunerated for genuinely exceptional items of work that procedure should be adopted.

Solicitor: Bond Solon, Kennington.

Right of adult prisoner to refuse to accept food

Secretary of State for the Home Department v Robb

Before Mr Justice Thorpe

[Judgment October 4]

The right of an adult of sound mind to self-determination prevailed over any countervailing interest of the state, therefore the court was prepared to grant a declaration that prison officials and medical attendants could lawfully abstain from providing food or drink to a prisoner for as long as he retained the capacity to refuse nutrition or hydration.

Mr Justice Thorpe so declared in open court in the Family Division following a hearing in chambers of an application by the Home Office that prison officials, responsible attending physicians and nursing staff might lawfully observe and abide by the refusal of the defendant, Derek Robb, to receive nutrition and might lawfully abstain from providing hydration and nutrition to him by artificial means or otherwise for as long as he retained the capacity to refuse the same.

Miss Nicola Davies, QC, for the Home Secretary; Mr Nicholas Blake, QC, for Mr Robb; Mr Huw Lloyd as *amicus curiae*.

MR JUSTICE THORPE said that following convictions for wounding with intent, robbery and theft the defendant was detained in the segregation unit of Whitemoor Prison.

On August 27, he indicated that he no longer wished to eat or drink. He had been advised of the clinical consequences of his decision.

There was the fundamental principle that a person's body was inviolate and was protected from molestation. Every adult of sound mind had a right to determine what should be done to his body.

That principle of self-determination required that respect had to be given to the wishes of the patient and if an adult of sound mind refused to consent to treatment which might prolong life, his doctors had to give effect to that wish even though it was not in the best interests of the patient.

A patient who died following a refusal to accept treatment did not commit suicide and a doctor who had complied with the patient's wish in such circumstances did not aid or abet suicide.

The right to determine one's own fate presupposed a capacity to do so, however that supposition could be rebutted. The issue of capacity was summarised by Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, in *In re T (Adult: refusal of treatment)* ([1993] Fam 95). The court would adopt the threefold test relating to capacity in *In re C* ([1994] 1 FLR 31).

The three questions were whether the patient was capable of understanding the treatment information: of believing that information and of weighing relevant factors in the balance so as to arrive at a true answer.

His Lordship had no hesitation and would make the declaration sought. In his Lordship's opinion stronger emphasis should be placed on the right of self-determination when that balance came to be struck against any countervailing interest of the state.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Saunders & Co, Maida Vale; Official Solicitor.

Indictment to specify offence charged

Regina v Button

Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Mr Justice French and Mr Justice Buckley

[Judgment October 7]

Section 12A of the Theft Act 1968, as inserted by the Aggravated Vehicle-Taking Act 1992, created two offences of aggravated vehicle taking: one with a maximum penalty of two years imprisonment and a second more serious one where, if, owing to the driving of the vehicle an accident occurred causing death to any person, the maximum penalty was five years; and it was essential that the indictment made it clear which offence was being charged.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in allowing an appeal by Nigel John Button against a sentence of three years imprisonment imposed in October 1993 at Stafford Crown Court (Mr Justice Rougier) on a plea of guilty to an offence of aggravated taking of a vehicle contrary to section 12A, as inserted. He pleaded guilty to another similar offence and was sentenced to 18 months consecutive imprisonment, making a total of four and a half years.

Mr Patrick Thomas, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Robert Juckes for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appeal had no merit but raised a pure point of law as to whether the judge was empowered to pass the sentence he did.

The appellant was the front seat passenger in a stolen car which was driven at speeds between 60 and 80 mph in a 30 mph limit and which knocked down and killed a girl of 13. The appellant pleaded guilty to the aggravated taking of a vehicle and was sentenced to three years imprisonment.

He appealed against that sentence on the ground that the judge was not empowered to pass such a sentence in view of the particulars of the offence as set out in the indictment which read: "... and after the vehicle was taken and before it was recovered the vehicle was driven dangerously on a road, namely Pelsall Lane, Rushall".

By section 12A(4) of the 1968 Act, the maximum penalty for an offence under section 12A(1) was two years, unless the circumstances came within section 12A(2)(b): "that, owing to the driving of the vehicle, an accident occurred by which injury was caused to any person"; and the accident caused the death of the person concerned, when the maximum penalty was five years.

The court agreed with Mr Thomas that the reasoning adopted by the House of Lords in *R v Courtie* ([1984] AC 463) applied. In that case the House of Lords held that buggery with a male aged 19 with his consent was a different offence from buggery with the same person without his consent, the second offence carrying the higher maximum penalty.

Similarly section 12A created two offences: one with a maximum penalty of two years and a more serious one, if the facts under section 12A(2)(b) were proved and death resulted, where the maximum was five years.

It was not sufficient to follow the course adopted by Mr Justice Rougier that under the circumstances the facts necessary to establish the offence had been proved. It was essential that the indictment set out in very short form the facts which constituted the necessary ingredients of the offence.

In view of the offence actually charged it was not open to the judge to pass the sentence of three years, even though it was richly deserved. The sentence would be reduced to two years but would continue to run consecutively to the sentence of 18 months imposed for another offence of aggravated vehicle taking on a different occasion, making a total of three and half years in all.

Solicitors: CPS, Midlands.

Assessing the proceeds of trafficking in drugs

Regina v Akengin

Before Lord Justice Rose, Mr Justice Morland and Mrs Justice Steel

[Judgment October 6]

In assessing the proceeds of drug trafficking the cost of drugs found in the defendant's possession should not be regarded as a benefit.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in allowing in part an appeal by Husseyin Akengin against a confiscation order for £222,000 made in December 1993 at Maidstone Crown Court by Judge Neligan in respect of his conviction in June 1993 of being knowingly concerned in the fraudulent evasion on importation of a controlled drug of Class A for which he was also sentenced to 10 years imprisonment.

Mr Philip Noble, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Seddon Cripps for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE MORLAND, giving the judgment of the court, said that at a hearing under the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986, in all cases involving large sums of money, a judge should give a succinct and reasoned judgment as to his findings in respect of disputed benefits and assets.

In the instant case the court had had to deduce how the judge had applied the law from things said during the course of the hearing and it appeared that he had found benefit under four heads:

1 £54,647, being the value in Turkey of the 23.48kg consignment of heroin, the subject of the trial;

2 a total of £56,633 found on the appellant when he was arrested in Turkey in February 1992;

3 £70,800 cash in the appellant's possession in November 1990 when he obtained a letter from the bank to assist in obtaining a single visit visa to visit England, and

4 £42,000 cash in his possession in July 1991, when similarly obtained a letter from the bank to assist in obtaining a single visit visa to visit England.

As to the first head of benefit, although clearly there was evidence that the drugs were held by the appellant, in the judgment of the court, there was no evidence upon which a judge could reasonably come to the conclusion, even taking advantage of the assumptions in section 2(3) of the 1986 Act, that the drugs themselves were a payment or reward in connection with the drug trafficking carried on by him.

There could of course be instances when drugs were given as a reward for services, but in this case the probability was that the money to buy those drugs came from proceeds from earlier dealings and they were not a reward for past services. The judge was wrong to conclude that the sum of £54,647 was a benefit.

The court did not accept the appellant's submissions in relation to any other head of benefit.

The confiscation order of £222,000 would accordingly be reduced by the sum of £54,647, which was a cost not a benefit, to the sum of £167,353.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Customs and Excise.

Information not protected

Regina v Poole Borough Council, Ex parte Cooper

Information which a local authority had solicited and received during statutory enquiries about the homelessness of an applicant for housing could not be protected from disclosure on the ground of confidentiality.

Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so stated on October 3 when quashing a decision of Poole Borough Council of October 29, 1993 that Miss Jenni Cooper was intentionally homeless.

HIS LORDSHIP said that it was axiomatic that any information adverse to an applicant's claim acquired by the local authority had in fairness to be put to her.

There was no direct judicial authority on whether information gleaned by a local authority under its statutory enquiries into homelessness bore the brand of confidentiality.

If fairness demanded, a local authority must not do anything to put at risk an applicant's right to deal with the adverse material.

It had to refrain from inducing receipt of adverse information and could not allow a third party who supplied that information to affect the relationship between itself and the applicant.

A local authority should invariably tell a prospective informant that anything said in response to a request for information might have to be made available to a homeless person.

Failure to impose such a condition could not absolve the local authority from its duty to disclose the information if fairness demanded.

Correction

In *In re St Luke's, Maidstone* (*The Times* October 7) it should have been made clear that the Court of Arches allowed the appeal in part in that it allowed the appeal from the refusal of Judge Newey, QC, to replace the pews with chairs but dimissed the appeal from his refusal to permit the re-orientation of worship from the east to the south side of the church.

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Scots Law Report October 21 1994 High Court of Justiciary

No power to transfer remand prisoner to Scotland

HM Advocate v R

Before the Lord Justice-General (Lord Hope), Lord Brand and Lord Wylie

[Judgment September 9]

Where an accused person was on remand in England, and for that reason could not be brought to trial in Scotland within 12 months from his first appearance on petition, because there was no statutory authority for the transfer of a person held on remand in order that he might stand trial in another part of the United Kingdom, there was sufficient cause for the court to exercise its statutory discretion to allow a limited extension of the 12-month time limit, since its expiry would otherwise bar any further proceedings against the accused in Scotland.

However, legislation to authorise the transfer of persons held on remand to stand trial elsewhere in the United Kingdom was urgently needed.

The High Court of Justiciary, sitting as the Court of Criminal Appeal, so held, allowing an appeal by HM Advocate, against the refusal by a single judge to refuse an application, under section 101(1)(ii) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 in respect of an indictment served upon R for his trial at the High Court of Justiciary, for an extension by four months of the 12-month period specified in that section.

Section 10 of the 1975 Act provides, *inter alia*: "(1) An accused shall not be tried on indictment for any offence unless such trial is commenced within a period of 12 months of the first appearance of that accused on petition in respect of that offence; and failing such commencement within that period, the accused shall be discharged forthwith and thereafter he shall be forever free from all question or process for that offence: Provided that — ... (ii) a single judge of [the High Court] may on cause shown extend the said period of 12 months."

The Criminal Justice Act 1961 provides:

"Transfer for trial

"28(1) If it appears to the responsible minister that person serving a sentence of imprisonment or detention in any part of the United Kingdom should be transferred to another part of the United Kingdom for the purpose of attending criminal proceedings against him there, that minister may make an order for his transfer to that other part...

"Removal for other judicial purposes

"29(1) If the responsible minister is satisfied, in the case of a person detained in any part of the United Kingdom in a prison, borstal institution, remand centre, detention centre or remand home, that the attendance of that person at any place in that or any other part of the United Kingdom is desirable in the interests of justice or for the purposes of any public inquiry, the responsible minister may direct that person to be taken to that place."

Lord Rodger of Earlsferry, QC, HM Advocate, for the Crown; Mr Robert Henderson, QC and Mr Dennis Crawley for the R.

THE LORD JUSTICE-GENERAL said that the extension was sought on the ground that the Crown were unable to proceed to trial against the accused in Scotland as he was at present being held on remand in an English prison charged with offences alleged to have been committed in that country.

The respondent had appeared on petition on November 19, 1992, charged with fraud. He had been released on the condition, *inter alia*, that he surrender his passport. On October 11, 1993, while still on bail in Scotland, he had been served with an indictment for a sitting of the High Court.

After sundry procedure an event had occurred which had resulted in his failure to appear for trial in the High Court. On March 18, 1994 he had been arrested at Manchester Airport and charged with attempting to leave the UK carrying a false passport.

He had later been charged with fraud allegedly committed in England. He had remained in custody on remand in an English prison since then.

A request had been made on behalf of the Lord Advocate to the English authorities that they should arrange for his transfer to Scotland so that he might be available for trial. But the English prison authorities had declined on the ground that could not do that so long as he continued to be held on remand.

After three extensions of the 12-month period had been granted by the High Court, this fourth application had been heard by a single judge on July 21, 1994. His refusal of a further extension of four months was the decision now under appeal.

A full committal hearing had been set in England to begin on September 20. If the result was that the respondent was committed for trial in that country it was likely that at least a year and perhaps as much as two years might elapse before the proceedings there were concluded.

On the other hand there would be sufficient time, if the result of those proceedings was that the charges against the respondent in England were withdrawn, for him to be brought to trial in Scotland within the period of a further four months which the Crown were now seeking.

Their Lordships understood that the view that was taken of the 1961 Act by the Home Secretary was that he had no power under section 28 to transfer a person while he was still on remand, because he was not at that stage serving a sentence of imprisonment or detention.

The Home Secretary was also of the view that he had no power to do that under section 29, because the purpose for which a person might be taken to another part of the United Kingdom under that section did not include his attendance at a trial against him there.

In their Lordships' opinion, it was clear, both from the side note of section 29 and from the absence from that section of the detailed machinery in section 28 appropriate to a case where the purpose of the transfer was for a trial, that the power was available for a different purpose than that described in section 28.

In the absence of statutory authority to effect such a transfer, the consequence of removing the respondent from England to Scotland would be to release him from custody in England in breach of the order that he be detained there on remand.

The cause of the delay in bringing him to trial in Scotland was the present state of the legislation relating to the transfer of persons in custody from one part of the United Kingdom to another. It was not due to any failure by the English authorities to appreciate the importance which the law of Scotland attached to observing the statutory time limit.

An extension of the 12-month period by a further four months could perhaps be justified on the ground that it would allow the Crown to bring the respondent to trial in Scotland if the English committal hearing resulted in his being released from custody.

But their Lordships could not ignore the fact that, if he was not to be released, further extensions would be necessary for so long as he continued to be held in England on remand if the Crown's right to proceed against him in Scotland was to be preserved.

The effect would be to allow the pace of proceedings in England, which were subject to no statutory time limits, to control the operation of the Scottish statutory timetable.

On the other hand, that was the result of the legislation which had been enacted by Parliament. That was not in itself a sufficient reason for further extending the time limit, but it was a factor which had to be taken into account.

Also relevant was the absence of any indication that the respondent was likely to suffer prejudice in any particular respect if his trial in Scotland was to be further delayed.

Their Lordships had also to take into account the public interest; it was undesirable that he should be able to obtain immunity from prosecution if the situation which had led to the difficult was one to which he had contributed or had brought on himself.

As his guilt of the crimes with which he was charged in England had yet to be established, it could not be said at this stage that that was what had occurred. But it would be unfortunate if the statutory time limit should be allowed to expire before that point had been clarified.

If he truly had been, as had been alleged, attempting to leave the United Kingdom from an English airport carrying a false passport, and had exposed himself by his own actings to a charge of fraud in that country, he could properly be regarded as the author of his own misfortune in having the trial against him in Scotland delayed.

For those reasons their Lordships had reached the view that a further extension was appropriate.

The situation was not satisfactory. The protection of the statutory time limit was a very important safeguard against injustice. It ought not to be set aside unless there was a good reason.

It might be that it would be administratively inconvenient for a person who was being held on remand in one part of the United Kingdom, to be transferred to another part to stand trial there without delay, but it was hard to see why that should be prohibited in all circumstances.

The absence of such provision appeared to conflict with the intention of Parliament in laying down the statutory time limit. In view of the difficulties which had arisen with the English prison authorities since the introduction of the 12-month time limit by the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1980, their Lordships believed that the time had come for the whole matter to be re-considered by Parliament, with a view to the introduction of legislation to permit the transfer of prisoners on remand in such circumstances.

That was a reform which was now urgently needed in order to avoid the risk of injustice due to delay. A plea in bar of trial on the ground of oppression was the final safeguard against such injustice, and that safeguard remained available in this case.

But it would be contrary to the public interest in the conviction and punishment of those who committed crimes in Scotland that they should have to be given immunity from those consequences because of time spent in England on remand. The risk that that might be the consequence of the legislation in its present form was something which should now be addressed.

Law agents: Crown Agent; O'Donnel Vaughan, Glasgow.



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Pugh sees game in desperate need of leadership

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

HOME unions representatives have been, to use the present jargon, in "proactive" mood during the International Rugby Football Board's (IRFB) executive council interim meeting in Vancouver this week, which Vernon Pugh, chairman of the board, has described as "probably the most vital ... meeting in the history of the board and world rugby to date."

Pugh is not given to hyperbole. The Welshman knows the game desperately needs direction and leadership, of a kind that the IRFB simply has not offered. If the board does not seize the time, others may. Commercialism threatens to lift parts of the game for its own benefit.

That excellent publication, *The Save and Prosper Rugby Union Who's Who*, tells the game's administrators that players seek to take advantage of sport's profile in the marketplace: they also want strong leadership to ensure that regulations are enforced worldwide, be it laws of the game, disciplinary procedures or commercial opportunity.

The general meeting, which closes today, was attended by delegates from 42 countries. That alone brings home the strength of the Australian proposition that the board should be less "Anglocentric", though the democratisation of rugby will be tortuous.

A 14-point paper has been circulated by Keith Rowlands, the IRFB secretary, suggesting constitutional change within three years. But forces within the game suggest that period may be overlong. The utterances of Louis Luyt, the South African Rugby Football Union president, who has chosen not to visit Vancouver sustain the argument that some form of professional rugby is inevitable.

There is nothing wrong with professional sport *per se* but rugby union must decide whether it wants that road, at a time when even New Zealand delegates declare that they cannot afford full-blown professional rugby. Rugby union is the strongest contact team sport in the world, far healthier in global terms than its brethren in rugby league, American football, Australian Rules, Gaelic football.

Professionalism will change the nature of the game: "The demands will be greater for players to cheat a bit more, to play when they shouldn't," Pugh said. Financial benefits could be restricted to players, officials and owners, which is entirely against the ethos which has taken the game so far and which is part of its appeal to sponsors.

Gerald Davies salutes John Kirwan, who retires today

Waiting in the wings of legend

John Kirwan, the All Black wing, will retire today after playing for the New Zealand Barbarians against the Australian Barbarians in Auckland. Without equivocation, it can be said that Kirwan was a great player. Along with Bryan Williams and Stuart Wilson, he ranks among the greatest of All Black wings of modern times.

Great is a word to be treated with respect and used sparingly. In sport, more than in any other activity, it is liable to trip too readily off the tongue. But in a career that spanned 12 years, Kirwan has earned it.

Since he wore the silver fern for the first time, against France, as a 19-year-old in 1984, he has gone on to appear another 62 times (96 times in total, including non-international matches) and holds the record number of caps for his country. He is also New Zealand's top try-scorer with 35 in his international career (67 when the other games are included). His first try was scored against England in the second international match in 1985, his last against South Africa in the summer.

If, during the All Blacks' tour to these islands in 1986, he managed to play 18 times, he was less fortunate in 1989 when, returning on a much shorter trip to Wales and Ireland, he ruptured a tendon in his leg in the second game, at Pontypool. Some observers believe Kirwan never truly regained his formidable surge of acceleration. The strength was no longer matched by the speed.

Scoring a try in the 1987 final against France, in the inaugural World Cup, he returned to these islands for the second tournament, in 1991, but was not selected two years later to tour England and Scotland. Suggestions were rife that he did not see eye to eye with the national coach, Laurie Mains, who, Kirwan suggested, "had lost the plot". Kirwan allied himself more with his mentor, John Hart, the perceptive Auckland coach who first noticed the teenager's potential when Kirwan was playing for the Marist club. Hart rates him "the greatest wing in the modern game". From 1985, Kirwan also played for Treviso, in Italy.

Great though Kirwan certainly is, "greatest" is less easily defined in an era that has produced four other wings, with differing talents, to compete for a title which must remain subjective. The others are David Campese, of Australia, Patrice Lagisquet, of France, Rory Underwood, of England, and Ieuan Evans, of Wales. There are rich pickings there.

More so than any of these, Kirwan, in full throttle and at 6ft 3in and over 14 stones, personified power and determination, possessing a hand-off that Underwood described as "one you did not want to get in the way of". It was possible to imagine Kirwan being equally at home among the back-row forwards. With his fair hair and fine physique the epithet Adonis might have applied from a distance but, sadly, he rarely smiled, and gave the impression, with his abrupt aggression, of a sullen temperament. Perhaps he merely reflected what is perceived as the brusque manner of a New Zealand competitor.

Kirwan's only concession to risk was that he invariably carried the ball in the cradle of his palm and wrist. With his arms pumping vigorously, it could so easily have been dislodged but, blessed with New Zealand efficiency, it never was.

If the other wings have scored more dramatic and scintillating tries, they have nevertheless being prone to lapses, whereas Kirwan has generally appeared workmanlike but more consistent. His gifts were of the direct, no-nonsense kind. I am here to do a job of work, he seemed to say, not to entertain. Campese, whose career has run parallel to his, dreamt another philosophy.

> Gifted but brusque, 'I am here to do a job,' he seemed to say, 'not to entertain'

The try Kirwan scored that was the most pleasing to the eye was the one against Italy in the first match of the 1987 World Cup, at Eden Park, Auckland. From his own 22-metre line he weaved his counter-attacking way breathtakingly down the midfield for 80 yards to score. It brought the house to its feet.

For a big man he could sidestep, although less adroitly than the others in this pantheon, yet given half the chance in a crowded patch, shrugging tackles aside, he was the deliverer of a more powerful finish. He was at his best coming straight on the near shoulder of the ball-carrier and then, unlike others of his size who might be more cumbersome, changing the angle of his run without significant loss of speed. Unless his opponent reached him earlier enough Kirwan, erect and with a high knee lift, seemed impossible to stop in his stride.

Keith Quinn, who followed the All Blacks a commentator for the NZBC during the Eighties, nominates Kirwan as the player of the decade. That he should not have voted for a back-row forward or place-kicking match-winner. New Zealand's usual favourites, amply illustrates the magnitude of Kirwan's contribution.

MICHAEL THOMAS



Kirwan in dashing form against England at Twickenham during the 1991 World Cup

TOP SCORERS

	Tries	Games
D Campese (Australia)	60	86
R Underwood (England)	38	73
S Blanco (France)	38	83
J Kirwan (New Zealand)	35	63
P Sella (France)	29	101
I Smith (Scotland)	24	32
C Darrouy (France)	23	40
I Evans (Wales)	22	54
T G R Davies (Wales)	21	51
P Lagisquet (France)	20	46
G Edwards (Wales)	20	63

(includes appearances for the British Isles)

John follows father's footsteps

CHRIS John, a post-graduate student at Cardiff University, will play at full back for Cardiff against the South Africans tomorrow, and thus emulate his father, Mervyn, who played for the club against the last South African touring side to visit Wales in 1969 (David Hands writes).

John, 21, fills the vacancy left by the injury last weekend to Mike Rayer, the international full back. Rayer broke his leg in three places during the Heineken league match with Treorchy and his place in the Welsh World Cup squad must be doubtful.

"Although Chris has played stand-off half most of his life, there wasn't any question about choosing him at full back because he is very experienced," Alex Evans, Cardiff's coaching organiser, said. Indeed no player made more appearances for Cardiff last season than the 6ft 2in, 13st John.

He differs in positional terms from his father, however, who played at flanker in the 17-3 defeat Cardiff suffered against Dawie de Villiers's South African team.

"I think it will be a very fast game," Evans said. "I don't think the South Africans will change their game plan over here; even if it is wet they will move the ball. We will have to come up a level from league rugby to match the pace of the game."

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Chance for Herbert likely at Benetton

AFTER two years in the doldrums, the Formula One career of Johnny Herbert has suddenly gained a startling new momentum (Oliver Holt writes). Last week, the British driver escaped from Lotus and signed for the Ligier team; yesterday he tested a Benetton. It now seems he may partner Michael Schumacher in the final two races of the season in Japan and Australia.

Both Benetton and Ligier, outwardly at least, are controlled by Flavio Briatore, Benetton's managing director, who would have the power to swap Herbert from one to the other. Herbert was given his chance at a test in Barcelona ostensibly because Jos Verstappen, Schumacher's teammate, strained his neck when he crashed during the Grand Prix of Europe in Jerez on Sunday.

☐ Karl Wendlinger, who spent three weeks in a coma after crashing in practice for the Monaco Grand prix last May, will return to the Sauber-Mercedes team in Japan.

Gregory becomes coach

RUGBY LEAGUE: Andy Gregory, the former Great Britain scrum half, is the new Salford coach. He will work alongside Garry Jack, who stays as manager. Gregory, 33, succeeds Howard Cartwright, with the club two places off the bottom of the Stones Bitter championship first division.

The draw for the world sevens in Australia in February, has put Great Britain in a group with three Winfield Cup sides, Sydney St George, North Sydney and Penrith.

DRAW: Group one: Manly, Parramatta, Cronulla, Illawarra. Group two: Sydney St George, Great Britain, North Sydney, Penrith. Group three: Canterbury, South Sydney, Eastern Suburbs, Newcastle. Group four: Western Suburbs, Perth Western Reds, Queensland Crushers. Group five: North Queensland, New Zealand, Canberra, Auckland Warriors. Group six: United States, Bahrain, Fiji, Russia, South Africa. Group seven: Papua New Guinea, Canada, Gold Coast, Japan. Group eight: Western Samoa, Morocco, France, Tonga, Italy.

Brooke suspended

RUGBY UNION: Robin Brooke, the All Blacks lock, has been suspended for four weeks by a New Zealand Rugby Football Union judicial inquiry. Brooke, who is to appeal, was sent off during the national championship final between Auckland and North Harbour last Sunday. Eric Rush, ordered off in the same match, was suspended for two weeks and Richard Fromont for a week after being cited for foul play, though Graham Dowd, the North Harbour prop, was cleared. The inquiry into three other cases of foul play during the final concludes today.

Thomson jumps ahead

EQUESTRIANISM: Mary Thomson, of Britain, the team gold medal-winner at the world championships in The Hague, took a convincing lead on the first day at Le Lion d'Angers, seven points ahead of her nearest rival, Mark Todd. Competing in his first three-day event, Thomson's six-year-old Welsh-bred King Solomon arrived in her Devon yard just 14 months ago. Leslie Law, on Welton Envoy, and Ginny Elliot, on Mostly Mischief, joined Britain's flying start, recording high-quality performances for third and eighth places, respectively.

Race for second place

YACHTING: With Isabelle Autissier closing to within 500 miles of Cape Town and moving further ahead of her rivals in the BOC Challenge solo round-the-world race yesterday, interest in the race centres on who will finish in second place. Steve Pettengill and his American yacht, *Hunter's Child*, is favourite, having moved up from fifth place earlier in the week to displace Jean Luc van den Heede, of France, and J. J. Provoyeur, of South Africa, after both ran out of wind overnight. Giovanni Soldini's lead in Class 2 had yesterday been reduced to 67 miles by David Adams, of Australia.

Wood falls to Tabley

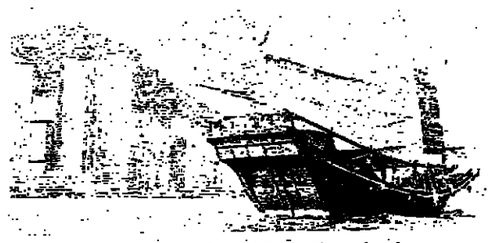
REAL TENNIS: The Australian professional, Paul Tabley, survived two match points before narrowly defeating Nick Wood, the Hampton Court professional, in the French Open yesterday. The fluent Wood, a former British under-21 champion, started strongly on the lively Bordeaux court, taking the first two sets and benefiting from Tabley's tendency to overhit. The Australian then raised his game to clinch the third set 6-5 and take the fourth more easily. In the fifth, Wood saved five match points at 5-5 before Tabley ended the three-hour battle, winning 2-6, 4-6, 6-5, 6-2, 6-5.

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TWO-FOR-ONE TOKEN
CUT OUT AND KEEP

Hall gives England reason for optimism

BY RICHARD EATON

THE rehabilitation of one of England's best men's singles badminton players since the Second World War has offered the national team hope of saving the series against China after going 2-0 down at Gateshead on Wednesday.

Darren Hall, national champion a record seven times, scored an outstanding win by 15-10, 15-9 against the world junior champion, Chen Gang, helping England to within five points of victory and proving his recovery from the back injury that kept him out of the All England and European championships and the Commonwealth Games this year.

Hall spearheaded the challenge to the Chinese at Mansfield last night in a team supplemented by Joanne Wright, Julie Bradbury and *Simon Archer, members of* the Commonwealth Games gold medal-winning side.

Their appearances left Ciro Ciniglio, the England manager, confident that his team could break its duck and delay the outcome of the six-match series at least until Sunday at St Austell, where Gillian Clark will break the record of 147 caps before retiring.

Indeed, England could have won 3-2 and levelled the series at 1-1 had John Quinn and Neil Cotterill capitalised on a lead of 10-5 in the final game against Chew Wei and Yang Ming before losing 7-15, 15-9, 15-10. This followed a second successive win in the doubles for Gillian Gowers and Joanne Muggeridge.

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Margaret Elizabeth Mills
LIQUIDATOR
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ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of Share Premium Account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitor on payment of the regulated charge for the same
Dated the 18 day of October 1994
Messrs. Edge & Ellison
Rutland House
148 Edmund Street
Birmingham
B3 2JR
Tel: 021 200 2001
Ref AJB/VAD
Solicitors for the Company

WESTMINSTER PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LTD.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at The Chartered Insurance Institute, 20 Aldermanbury, London EC2V 7HY on 25 October 1994 at 11.00am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at 4th Floor, St Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5DH between 10 am and 5 pm on the two business days preceding the date of the creditors meeting.
Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must (unless they are individual creditors attending in person) lodge their proxies at 4th Floor, St Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5DH no later than 12 noon on 24 October 1994.
Unless there are exceptional circumstances, a creditor will not be entitled to vote unless his proof has been lodged and admitted for voting purposes. Whilst proofs may be lodged at any time before voting commences, creditors intending to vote at the meeting are requested to send them with their proxies. Unless they surrender their security, secured creditors must give particulars of their security and its value if they wish to vote at the meeting. Dated this 13.10.94 Rupert Cutler, Director

GOLDRICH LIMITED
(T/A ABRAMIST SURFACE COATINGS)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors of the above named company will be held at Apex Plaza Reading on 26 October 1994 at 2pm for the purposes mentioned in sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the creditors of the above-named company may be inspected at the offices of Ernst & Young, Apex Plaza, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 1YE between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm on 24th /25 October 1994.
For the purposes of voting a statement of claim and any proxy intended for use at the meeting must be lodged with the company at its registered office, Apex Plaza Reading not later than 12 noon on 26 October 1994.
Dated 11th October 1994
Ken Lock
Director

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
No 004384 of 1994
CHANCERY DIVISION
In the Matter of Harlows Group Public Limited Company And In the Matter of the Companies Act 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice Chancery Division dated 6 October 1994 confirming the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company from £8,809,856 to £5,124,137 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 17 October 1994
DATED this 18th day of October 1994
Debo Lupton Broomhead
Fountain Precinct
Balm Green
SHEFFIELD
S1 1RZ
Ref: LB/TPQ
Solicitors for the above-named Company

RECOGNITION HOLDING LIMITED (IN MEMBERS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company number: 2578766
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF RECOGNITION HOLDING LIMITED
On 17 October 1994 the company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Peter Norman Spratt of Price Waterhouse was appointed liquidator by the shareholders
The liquidator gives notice under the provisions of Rule 4, 182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at Thames Court 1 Victoria Street Windsor SL4 1HB by 21st November 1994 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Dated 19 October 1994
P N Spratt
Liquidator

ELEC (COULSDON) LIMITED
IN RECEIVERSHIP
Registered number: 2585760. Trading Name(s): CEL & ELEC. Nature of Business: Electrical Wholesalers. Trade Classification: 15. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 11th October 1994. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): Barclays Bank plc. Date of instrument: 25th September 1991. Type of instrument: Debenture conferring fixed & floating charges. Joint Administrative Receivers: M J C Oldham and P S Dunn, (Office Holder Numbers: 7817 and 2368) of Latham Crossley & Davis 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF

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Strength in depth favours United States in matchplay over three days in the Solheim Cup

Europe looking to Davies to be first ladies in America

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

THE Solheim Cup, which starts here in West Virginia today, is one of the few sporting events between teams from the United States and Europe that has been evenly matched from the start. The Ryder, Curtis and Walker Cups were the province of the Americans in the early years.

The Solheim Cup, on the other hand, proves that it does not take years for a team event to catch the imagination of the public and regular maulings by the United States before some semblance of parity is established. The Americans romped home in the first, held at Lake Nona, Florida, in 1990. Then, however, a sparky European team, led and inspired by Laura Davies, won seven of the ten singles matches on the last day and scored a stunning victory, 11½-6½, at Dalmahoy two years ago.

The United States are favoured this year. Its team has greater depth and better form, though it is weaker at the top. Seven Americans have won at least once this year compared with four Europeans. Even Davies, who fulfils much the same role of leading figure, cheerleader, confessor and inspiration in the European team as Severiano Ballesteros did in the Ryder Cup team last year, admits the Americans have the edge. "Their team is very strong in depth," Davies said. "They must be favourites. If we play our best we have an outside chance. If we don't we will get beaten."

The format of this competition, named after Karsten Solheim, the inventor of the Ping golf clubs, owes a lot to the Ryder Cup. The pattern is five foursomes today followed by five fourball matches tomorrow with ten singles on Sunday. There are 20 points at stake and the Cup will be won by the team winning 10½ or more points.

There is more at stake than taking the lead in these biennial matches. There are as many sub texts to this competition as to a political agenda. This is appropriate in a place such as The Greenbrier, which has been visited by 23 United States presidents and hosted summit meetings and contains one of the world's largest nuclear bomb shelters in the basement.

The first concerns BBC TV, which having failed to capture more than a few fleeting moments of the thrilling match in 1992 appears to have gone overboard this time. A team of eight flew out from England in something strongly resembling Operation Make Amends. Such a formidable presence would be appropriate if BBC were televising this event, but it is not. Instead Sky Sports is. The BBC will show only edited highlights each night, a minimum of 1½ hours.

The second is the question of who is the best player in the world? It does not matter much in the grand scheme of things because it is a fast-changing position. Furthermore, this is a team event as players from both sides and the captains, JoAnne Carner (United States) and Mickey Walker (Europe) keep reminding us.

On the other hand, it is a psychological advantage not to be overlooked in the pre-match jingoism. It is an important matter to the players as well, a matter of national pride. The Europeans are naturally delighted at the continuing success of Davies, who has won six events around the world this year, has led the United States money list since the beginning of May and could become the first European and the second non-American to win the LPGA money list when the last counting event of the season is held in Japan in two weeks. "She's the best player in the world," Alison Nicholas said firmly. "There is no doubt about that." Americans, however, point to Beth Daniel, who won the World Championship of Women's Golf last weekend and trails Davies by a mere $11,000.

"I am sure that JoAnne and the American team were elated at Beth's victory," Walker said. "It was a great win for her. She played a great last round but I don't think it proves or says anything. It was just her week." Davies finished second and Liselotte Neumann came fourth.

"Me?" Daniel said querulously when asked who was the leading player at the moment. "I think that Liselotte Neumann is the best player in the world right now." Neumann, one of four Swedes in the visiting team, has won three events in Europe, including the British Open at Woburn in August, and two events in the United States.

The Greenbrier was bathed in sunshine yesterday as the two teams concluded their preparations. It looked magnificent, the sun burnishing the trees to reveal their many different colours. The rain, which had dominated the previous day, had gone and the clouds had risen high above the surrounding, tree-clad mountains.

Three days' matchplay is an enticing prospect in such a gorgeous setting, a welcome relief from the strokeplay events that dominate men's and women's professional golf these days. It is a setting in which Davies should prosper. "In my efforts to score birdies and eagles I do get bogeys and double bogeys," Davies said. "You've seen my scorecards. You know how I play."

A competition such as this is perfect for her strengths. If she reproduces the inspirational form she showed in Edinburgh two years ago, then a European victory is a possibility. If she does not, an American victory is a certainty.

CARD OF COURSE

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	368	4	10	339	4
2	386	4	11	142	3
3	479	5	12	510	5
4	145	3	13	384	4
5	527	5	14	305	4
6	380	4	15	426	4
7	194	3	16	397	4
8	474	5	17	160	3
9	164	3	18	554	5
Out	3115	36	In	3,215	36

Total yardage: 6,330 Par: 72

PROGRAMME

United States names first

TODAY: 5 foursomes: D Mochrie and B Burton v L Neumann and H Alfredsson; B Daniel and M Mallon v A Sorenstam and C Nitsmark; T Green and K Robbins v D Reid and L Faircloth, D Andrews and B King v L Davies and A Nicholas, P Sheehan and S Steinhauer v P Wright and T Johnson

TOMORROW: 5 fourballs.

SUNDAY: 10 singles.



STEVEN MUNDAY/ALLSPORT

Laura Davies, left, and Alison Nicholas team up during final practice yesterday before the foursomes in the Solheim Cup today

Snead approach adorns golfing paradise

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES

SAM Snead was hoppin' mad. He spread his arms wide, then wider, like a fisherman defining the one that got away, his hands huge and strong from 70-odd years of hitting golf balls and tickling bass out of the water.

"Imagine giving a putt that length," he said, expecting his audience to be as disbelieving, as disgusted as he was.

"But surely it was only that length, Sam?" someone ventured, holding their hands a foot, then 18 inches apart. "No. It was that length," Snead insisted, ham hands at least four feet apart.

"Well, what did you say to him then?" Snead was asked.

"Didn't say anything. Wasn't much point by then."

It is 25 years since Jack Nicklaus gave Tony Jacklin that putt, the length of which was under discussion, to ensure the first drawn Ryder Cup match, at Royal Birkdale. Most people saw it as a wonderful sporting gesture and were heartened by this act of exceptional magnanimity.

Snead abhorred it. And he was non-playing captain of the United States team that year. He, Samuel Jackson Snead, who had played on nine Ryder Cup teams. "How many losing teams, Sam?" "We didn't lose," he said, "but there was that tie . . ."

Snead, 82, is professional emeritus — "It's Latin for "I can do what I damned well like" — at The Greenbrier, an association that has lasted on and off since 1936. He lacks the lintel-kicking suppleness of legend but he is still sharp, both on and off the course, a master of the one-liner and a storyteller who only needs an audience of one to set him off.

Snead was born not too far from here and always knew The Greenbrier, not the most accessible of places, was worth the detour.

The place is described simply as "America's Resort". However, there is nothing simple or modest about a place that operates on a scale unknown in Europe. It is opulence *par excellence* — and all in the best possible taste. There are 6,500 acres — plenty of room for 300-year-old oaks to spread along with black walnut, sycamore, elm, just name that tree — and 650 rooms, including 40 suites. There are 1,600 staff on hand to satisfy your every whim, be it in dining rooms, bars, golf club or spa, which was, of course, the start of it all.

The waters are not so vital now, however, having been overtaken by the golf.

Snead is part of the appeal, a living, breathing link with the past, and yesterday, a couple of miles from The Greenbrier, he went even further back, to the very beginning, hitting the official inaugural shot at the reopening of Oakhurst Links, the oldest-established club in the United States, dating from 1884.

The original nine-hole course has been restored after years as pasture and everything is as it used to be. Sheep are the mowers, the clubs are hickory shafted. And to think that it all led to places like The Greenbrier and contests like the Solheim Cup.

GUIDE TO THE SOLHEIM CUP TEAMS

United States

Donna Andrews
Age: 27
Solheim Cups: None
Self-possessed. Unlikely to freeze on first tee. Pmm and proper exterior but fights her corner. Born in Lynchburg, Virginia, so expecting vocal local support.

Brandie Burton
Age: 22
Solheim Cups: 1992
Record: Played 2, won 0, halved 1, lost 1
Dedicated, single-minded, talented. Would beat balls all day if body would let her. Wonky knees and strains other bits too. A Long hitter and fierce but fair competitor.

Beth Daniel
Age: 38
Solheim Cups: 1990, 1992
Record: Played 5, W 4, L 1
Peerless player with a matchless temper. Approach with caution if putts not dropping. Big help to Europe last time thanks to indiscreet comments — denied — about relative merits of players. Tight-lipped but in form this year.

Tammie Green
Age: 34
Solheim Cups: None
Invited to Hennessy Cup in Paris a few years ago for her looks rather than her game. Now the latter is turning heads too. Not flamboyant but has developed into a very good player. A class act.

Betsy King
Age: 39
Solheim Cups: 1990, 1992
Record: P 6, W 3, H 1, L 2
The granny of the sides. A committed Christian, she said some things she now regrets in the heat of defeat at Dalmahoy. Intensely serious, loathes losing. Not keen on matchplay.

Meg Mallon
Age: 31
Solheim Cups: 1992
Record: P 3, W 2, L 1
Wide smile, brown eyes, freckles. Don't be fooled. She rarely comes last. Exceptional temperament. No wins this season.

Dottie Mochrie
Age: 29
Solheim Cups: 1990, 1992
Record: P 6, W 2, H 1, L 3
Hot stuff and fiery. Pepper was her maiden name and she's just dyed her hair red. Has yet to master art of losing graciously. Perfection is her aim.

Kelly Robbins
Age: 25
Solheim Cups: None
The captain's pick. Long hitter, although not in the Davies league. Not always accurate with her irons but only in her third year on tour.

Patty Sheehan
Age: 37
Solheim Cups: 1990, 1992
Record: P 6, W 2, H 1, L 3
The team comedian but her golf is no laughing matter. US Open champion. Small frame, huge heart.

Sherri Steinhauer
Age: 31
Solheim Cups: None
Quiet. Doesn't feel the need to impose herself. Understated humour but do not underestimate her. New to foursomes.

JoAnne Carner (non-playing captain)
Age: 55
Solheim Cups: None
The voice is pure Mae West — it's all those cigarettes — but the shape is more comfortable. A true great, loved and respected by all. The Americans feel she'll give them the edge. Knows the course well.

Europe

Helen Alfredsson (Swe)
Age: 29
Solheim Cups: 1990, 1992
Record: Played 6, won 2, halved 1, lost 3
The only person to start with. Outgoing, nosy, with a soft centre. Given to suspicious-sounding outbursts in Swedish.

Laura Davies (Eng)
Age: 31
Solheim Cups: 1990, 1992
Record: P 6, W 5, L 1
The Seve of the side. An inspiration. Alarming reports that she practised for three hours the other day. A law unto herself. Stubborn. World No 1. Incomparable.

Lora Fairclough (Eng)
Age: 24
Solheim Cups: None
Quiet but not diffident and does not lack confidence in her own ability. It really rankled when she wasn't picked for the Curtis Cup team in 1990.

Trish Johnson (Eng)
Age: 28
Solheim Cups: 1990, 1992
Record: P 6, W 1, H 1, L 4
Not had the best of years. First European to win back-to-back in the States, in 1993. Perhaps thought she'd cracked it. Coach Lawrence Farmer has her in hand again.

Liselotte Neumann (Swe)
Age: 26
Solheim Cups: 1990, 1992
Record: P 6, W 3, H 1, L 2
Outstanding year. Ranked world No 2 behind Davies but ahead on form. Not powerful but swing has her peers drooling. Calm, unflappable, never stops trying.

Alison Nicholas (Eng)
Age: 32
Solheim Cups: 1990, 1992
Record: P 6, W 3, L 3
A lot at 5ft dead but no one gets more out of her game. Out of sorts for most of the season but signs of revival. Davies, her partner, raves about her putting.

Catrin Nilsmark (Swe)
Age: 27
Solheim Cups: 1992
Record: P 1, W 1
A perfect record and she holed the winning putt. Probably nothing will touch that moment for her. A better player now and a tournament winner. Personable. Confident.

Dale Reid (Scot)
Age: 35
Solheim Cups: 1990, 1992
Record: P 6, W 2, H 1, L 3
Injury-prone, lackadaisical, a has-been? Don't you believe it. No tougher competitor. Adores matchplay.

Annika Sorenstam (Swe)
Age: 24
Solheim Cups: None
What a debutante. Europe's rookie of the year last year, America's this. Yet to win but great things expected.

Pam Wright (Scot)
Age: 30
Solheim Cups: 1990, 1992
Record: P 6, W 2, H 2, L 2
Born and bred to the game. Father is a professional, mother was on four Curtis Cup teams. Poor season but set US Open record with back nine of 30. Reliable with penchant for scintillating streaks.

Mickey Walker (Eng) (non-playing captain)
Age: 41
Solheim Cups: None as player; captain 1990, 1992
Record: P 2, W 1, L 1
Quiet, thoughtful, perfectionist. Knows how she wants things done and team of strong-willed individuals in no doubt who's boss.

Torrance and Brand set blistering pace

SAM Torrance and Gordon Brand Jr, the Scottish golfers, both scored 54 to share the lead in the first round of the weather-hit Chemapol Czech Republic Open at Marienbad yesterday.

Heavy frost delayed the start by 3½ hours and even then the 11th, 13th and 14th holes were not playable. David Probyn, the tournament director, faced with an even longer delay if he waited for them to unfreeze, had little option but to go ahead with the 15 playable holes in bitterly cold weather.

Even then only 51 of the 102-strong field finished, with the remaining 51 still on the golf course when darkness halted play.

Torrance and Brand Jr played dressed as though for the North Pole, but both collected five under in the freezing conditions. Brand, first in, agreed he had not been too badly affected by the weather. "After all, I was wearing a thermal vest, a second vest, a polo-necked jersey, a cashmere sweater and a waterproof jacket, plus thermal underclothes, moleskin trousers, waterproof trousers, a woolly hat and a Rupert Bear scarf," he said.

Brand Jr, who had five birdies and no bogeys, in his 15 holes, agreed that Probyn was right to go ahead without waiting for the entire course to thaw. "It was a bit dodgy here and there, but it was better than sitting in the club house," he said.

Late in the day, the New Zealander, Frank Nobilo, went to four under after 11 holes before play was stopped.

Countback brings final crowning glory

CRISPIN RODWELL



A giant oak was among the hazards for competitors seeking the second green at Spa yesterday

BY MEL WEBB

FOR the second day running a regional final of *The Times*/MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge was won by one of the first two teams on the course. The Ireland event, which completed the eight regional finals yesterday, was won at Spa Golf Club by Crown Berger — but their victory was achieved only by virtue of an impressive score over the last nine holes.

Crown Berger gained 83 Stableford points, as did the Building Design Partnership (BDP), but claimed a place in the national final at the Hyatt La Manga Resort in Spain from November 24 to 28 by scoring 46 points against BDP's 41 on the inward half.

"We came to enjoy ourselves and have an enjoyable day," Raymond Fullerton, the company's general manager and team captain, said. "We didn't expect to win, but we played for fun and we played as a team. We're thrilled to be in the national final."

With scoring kept relatively modest by the testing nature of a photogenic and hilly Spa course, which was in magnificent condition, it was always likely that the team who won this final would be the one that scored consistently.

Crown Berger did just that, but also had a morale-boosting start to their round, which they started from the 10th. Fullerton, a 24-handicapper, played the hole like a scratch man, hitting a one-iron and a seven-iron to 12 feet and making the putt look easy.

The birdie three, net eagle two, brought his team four points, and Stephen Hill, who with his handicap of eight did not get a shot on the hole, played his part by hitting a drive and a sand-wedge to two feet for a three-point birdie.

That gave the team seven points, and they then proceeded to score six on each of the next two to give themselves a spectacular base from which to build the 46-point haul that was ultimately to give them victory.

Each member of the team had his moments. John McGoldrick pitched in for a birdie two on the short 12th and also holed a 25-foot putt on the 5th, their 14th, for a net eagle and four points.

It was on the same hole that Noel Kearney made a crucial up-and-down for a net par and two points.

When McGoldrick holed from six feet on the 9th, the team's last, nobody knew that the resulting two points that the net par represented was the all-important shot that put them into their computer-driven play-off.

The team had only bad hole, the 2nd, their 11th, and even then they kept their score going by putting three more points in the scoreboard. "We kept coming in at crucial times, and in the end that's what won it for us," Kearney said.

The golf day that brought the four men together was held only three weeks ago at Dunmurry.

Kearney and McGoldrick, who are customers of the Belfast office of the paint manufacturers, went along as guests and finished first and second in the competition with 38 and 36 points respectively.

RESULTS

83: Crown Berger; Building Design Partnership (Crown Berger won on countback over last nine holes)

82: Calor No 2; McClure Watters (Calor third on countback over last nine holes)

81: Wellington Park

80: DHL International; Calor No 1; Unisys Ltd

79: Park Elect Services

78: Willis Corroon

77: A J Hurst Ltd; David Patton

76: Calor No 3

75: Department of Economic Development, KPMG

74: Northern Ireland Civil Service, Short Brothers plc; Jenkinson Freight

70: Gilbey's Northern Ireland

67: Pannell Kerr Foster

59: Allied Bakeries

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2.20 WALSINGHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,772: 2m) (15 runners)

1 1-30 MOYMET 16 (D,BF,F) K Burke 8-11-10 ..... R Greene
2 -520 DELPROMBO 13 (D,F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-4 ..... W Dwan
3 5P8- NORTHERN CONQUEROR 22F T Naughton 6-10-10 ..... D Gallagher
4 1P4- SUMMER FLOWER 4F (D,F,6) A Forbes 4-10-10 ..... T Eley (5)
5 -3RR VOLCANIC DANCER 6 (D,F,S) Mrs N Macauley 8-10-8 ..... E Husband (5)
6 01PF CASA BELLA 510 (D,F,S) B Richmond 7-10-7 ..... D Byrne
7 -2P6 WATER DIVINER 8F (D,F) K Wingrove 4-10-6 ..... J Ryan
8 00/3 DARK SILHOUETTE 16 G Brennan 5-10-5 ..... M Brennan
9 200- ARMASHOCKER 126F (D,S) Bob Jones 6-10-2 ..... V Smith
10 -366 CASTLERICHARDKING 15 (6) K Bridgwater 9-10-0 ..... W Humphreys
11 6P-0 SALISONG 16 John Wade 5-10-0 ..... M Hourigan
12 P-P5 RUTLAND WATER 8 Mrs S Smith 7-10-0 ..... R Williamson (7)
13 0-U0 THEYDON PRIDE 16 K Clutterbuck 5-10-0 ..... D Walsh (5)
14 -230 BARCHAM 44 (D,S) D Wilson 7-10-0 ..... A Thornton
15 3345 AISLABE AIRBORNE 24 T Clement 5-10-0 ..... F Leahy (5)

7-2 Delpiombo, 9-2 Moymet, 8-1 Dark Silhouette, 8-1 Northern Conqueror, 12-1 Summer Flower, Rutland Water, Armashocker, 14-1 others.

2.50 PUDDING NORTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,092: 3m 110yd) (4)

1 29/- OVER THE STREAM 35F (D,F) K Bailey 8-11-10 ..... A Thornton
2 61-5 SECRET SUMMIT 34 (V,F,S) A Forbes 5-11-9 ..... T Eley
3 31U4 CALDECOTT 18 (S) Mrs S Smith 8-11-5 ..... R Williamson (5)
4 P3-0 TITUS GOLD 16 (S) J Wade 9-11-2 ..... F Leahy (5)

6-4 Caldecott, 5-2 Over The Stream, 3-1 Secret Summit, 4-1 Titus Gold.

3.20 WIMPEY HOMES NOVICES CHASE (£2,727: 2m 110yd) (8)

1 2-43 FAVOURED VICTOR 13 (B,S) K Morgan 7-11-0 ..... A S Smith
2 3/2F FRUHMAN 9 Mrs S Smith 8-11-0 ..... Richard Guest
3 226- GORTEERA 161 (S) D Brennan 8-11-0 ..... M Brennan
4 144- IN TRUTH 168 (S,S) S Gollings 6-11-0 ..... W Marston
5 33P- MISTER MISTRAL 149P Miss A Embiricos 7-11-0 ..... N Mann
6 /53- AEDEAN 144F (S) G Enright 5-10-13 ..... M Perrett
7 120- DULZURA 228 (G) A Jarvis 6-10-9 ..... S Smith Eccles
8 P0-4 KEV'S LASS 14 (S) C Hobbins 6-10-9 ..... D Gallagher

5-2 Favoured Victor, 11-4 Dulzura, 7-2 Fruhman, 5-1 Kev's Lass, 7-1 In Truth, 10-1 Gorteera, 12-1 others.

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DONCASTER: 2.00 Vanessa Rose. 3.30 Chatterer. 4.30 Keep Quiet. FAKENHAM: 4.50 Komplicity.

3.50 MICHAEL SCOTNEY (TURF ACCOUNTANT) HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,108: 2m) (8)

1 06-4 BRAMBLEBERRY 9 (D,S) Mrs S Smith 5-11-11 ..... Richard Guest
2 54-6 MRS JAWLEYFORD 34 (D,S,6) C Smith 6-10-12 ..... M Rimmer
3 1323 NORTHERN TRIAL 20 (V,D,F,S) K Burke 5-10-11 ..... R Greene
4 6-11 NAGOBELLA 15 (D,F,S) J Pearce 6-10-8 ..... N Mann
5 P3-1 TEJANO GOLD 27 (D,S) P Bradley 4-10-8 ..... W Humphreys
6 62-4 WHAT IF 16 (D,F,6,S) D Brennan 10-10-6 ..... M Brennan
7 1P33 SYLVAN SABRE 13 (D,F) K Morgan 5-10-4 ..... A S Smith
8 23P5- COMSTOCK 316 (D,S) J Weyns 7-10-2 ..... Mr S Pollock (7)

7-4 Nagobella, 7-2 Tejano Gold, 4-1 Northern Trial, 9-2 Brambleberry, 8-1 What If, 10-1 Sylvan Sabre, 12-1 others.

4.20 WEST NORFOLK FUELS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,474: 2m 5f 110yd) (10)

1 221- CALL ME EARLY 139 (6,S) D Brennan 9-11-10 ..... M Brennan
2 3-P3 MR ENTERTAINER 20 (F,6,S) M Brennan 11-11-10 ..... R Supple
3 -F16 STEPFASTER 9 (BF,F,S) Miss L Siddall 9-11-10 (6ex) ..... A Thornton
4 5-54 BUSTMELLO 14 (S) G Hubbard 8-11-7 ..... D Gallagher
5 41U- RUSSNSKY 181 (CD,S,S) D Bosley 7-11-5 ..... R Campbell
6 31-5 AUMILLAR 20 (V,D,F,S,S) D Burchell 8-11-5 ..... D J Burchell
7 2221 KEMYS COMMANDER 34 (F,S,S) Mrs N Macauley 9-11-5 ..... L Harvey
8 4F1- TRENTSIDE MIST 181 (S) C Smith 6-11-5 ..... M Rimmer
9 PD-2 ULLSWATER 20 (F,S) M Ryan 8-10-10 ..... J Ryan
10 2FP2 HIGHLY DECORATED 16 (S) Mrs S Smith 9-10-2 ..... Gary Lyons

3-1 Kemys Commander, 7-2 Mr Entertainer, 9-2 Call Me Early, 8-1 Trentside Mist, 7-1 Stepfaster, 8-1 Ullswater, 12-1 Aumillar, 14-1 others.

4.50 LITTLE SNORING JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £2,552: 2m) (8)

1 31F MOOBAKKR 24 (BF,S) K Morgan 11-5 ..... A S Smith
2 56 KOMPLICITY 27 (V) Bob Jones 10-12 ..... V Smith
3 MISTER O'GRADY 45F G L Moore 10-12 ..... M Richards
4 0 PLINTH 19 N Gosham 10-12 ..... Richard Guest
5 WIZAR 356F Pat Mitchell 10-9 ..... N Mann
6 FAMILIAR ART 109F J Fanshawe 10-4 ..... S Smith Eccles
7 LIMESTONE LADY 491F D Brennan 10-4 ..... M Brennan
8 832 STRATH KITTEN 11 T Clement 10-4 ..... F Leahy (5)

6-4 Moobakkr, 3-1 Familiar Art, 5-1 Mister O'Grady, 7-1 Strath Kitten, 8-1 others.

5.20 LITTLE SNORING JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £2,545: 2m) (8)

1 CALL ME ALBI 52F G L Moore 10-12 ..... M Richards
2 ALDAR 24F P Bowlaway 10-9 ..... M Perrett
3 00 PERSONAL PRIDE 6 A Foster 10-9 ..... D Gallagher
4 RYAN EBBES 23F A Jarvis 10-9 ..... P Morris (7)
5 CHARLIES DREAM 25F K Burke 10-7 ..... G Crone (7)
6 05 LUCY TUFTY 15 J Pearce 10-4 ..... M Brennan
7 53 WANDARA 11 Miss A Embiricos 10-4 ..... N Mann
8 0 SWEET CAROLINE 6 Pat Mitchell 10-4 ..... M Hourigan

5-2 Call Me Albi, 3-1 Ajdar, 4-1 Nandos, 6-1 Lucy Tufty, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Brennan, 6 winners from 15 runners, 30.3%; G Bravery, 3 from 9, 33.3%; M Ryan, 7 from 23, 30.4%; K Bailey, 5 from 17, 29.4%; K Morgan, 3 from 27, 11.1%.

JOCKEYS: M Brennan, 5 winners from 20 rides, 25.0%; A S Smith, 3 from 20, 15.0%. Only qualifiers.

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Reid pushes Painter's Row to a convincing win over Bishop Of Cashel in the Vodafone Horris Hill Stakes at Newbury yesterday

Painter's Row brushes off rivals

By Julian Muscat

AS PETER Chapple-Hyam left Newbury racecourse yesterday, he might have reflected that many a triumph has been born in the depths of adversity. Relations between the Manton trainer and connections of White Muzzle have become far too strained for comfort, with Chapple-Hyam adamant that John Reid, and not the Japanese champion, Yutaka Take, will partner White Muzzle in the Breeders' Cup Turf next month.

Whatever the fate of his long-term relationship with Teruya Yoshida, the owner of White Muzzle, Chapple-Hyam must have endeared himself to Lord Weinstock, whose Painter's Row ran out a comfortable winner of the Vodafone Horris Hill Stakes yesterday. The Derby now beckons this son of Royal Academy, although he has much to prove between now and next June.

By a curious coincidence, events in the Horris Hill somewhat mirrored the tale of Chapple-Hyam's season, which has deteriorated after a promising start. So it was with Painter's Row, who, having secured an ideal racing pitch, was promptly hampered by the ultimately fatal injury sustained by Amin. As Amin retreated, he buffeted Painter's Row to the rear of the ten-strong field.

Perhaps Chapple-Hyam should take heart, for Painter's Row rallied to such purpose that he totally swamped Bishop Of Cashel with his finishing speed. The colt had learnt much from his winning debut at Newmarket, and to look at him afterwards was to understand why. This is an animal of real substance, with more than a hint of the street fighter about his general demeanour.

As much was confirmed by Chapple-Hyam, who advised allcomers to steer well clear of the colt's hind legs. "He's always been very wary of everything; it took us three months to break him in," he related. "He's a funny old horse but he does his stuff on the racecourse."

Painter's Row, now unbeaten in two starts, received a 20-1 quote from William Hills for the 2,000 Guineas. Corals and Labrokes go 25-1 about his Derby chance. Painter's Row is stoutly bred on the dam's side, although the speed of his sire is clearly evident in this interesting prospect.

Aspirations for a Manton double were high, but they eventually foundered on the rock that is Didina, a powerhouse of a filly whose previous racecourse experience entitled her to fend off any newcomers in the event of a close finish. So it proved, as Prince Arthur, the Chapple-Hyam representative, was wrestled to a narrow submission in the dying strides.

No such problems beset Branston Abby, a veteran of 47 races whose fortunes fluctuate in tandem with the weather. Recent rain served as a pointer to Mark Johnston's admirable mare, who recorded her fourteenth victory at the expense of her stablemate, Double Blue, a mere novice of 41 races standing. There could be no better amplification of their trainer's developing talents.

On the other side of the coin, an assortment of unraced bluebloods and future jumpers contested the Enborne Maiden Stakes for three-year-olds.

Anybody seduced by the apparent glamour of Flat racing would do well to reflect that the progeny of no fewer than nine group-race winning mares contested this race, won narrowly by The French Friar, who, on paper, would have been among the cheapest to produce.

If the names of Diminuendo, Duboff, Goodbye Shelley, Lypharita, Repetitious and Silver Fling are familiar for the excellence of their racing careers, those of their sons and daughters representing them here are destined for the dustbin of anonymity.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: KHATIR
(2.40 Newbury)
Next best: Cafe Solo
(2.00 Doncaster)

DONCASTER

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1.30 Three Stops. 2.00 Cafe Solo. 2.30 Dinot. 3.00 Bonne Etoile. 3.30 Broctune Bay. 4.00 Zuboon. 4.30 In Waiting. 5.00 Ten Past Six.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.30 LUCKY MAGPIE.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.30 THREE STOPS (nap). 3.00 Moonshell. 4.00 Tree Of Life.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 7F HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.30 EBF FLAXTON MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 2-Y-O: £4,829: 7f) (15 runners)

101 (6) 03 ACROSS THE SEVERN 53 B Hills 9-0 M Hills 73
102 (3) 0 ALERTING 23 I Balding 9-0 R Cochrane 74
103 (8) 0 DOMAKINO 7 T Thomson Jones 9-0 K Darley –
104 (2) MARCHANT MING M Jarvis 9-0 K Rutter (3) –
105 (7) 52 MOUNTGATE 28 M Bell 9-0 T Quinn 91
106 (5) 05 MUDLARK 23 J Watts 9-0 B Thomson 85
107 (1) 3 ONEOFTHEOLDONES 16 S Norton 9-0 T Ives 97
108 (14) SHIMEROLLA Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 M Wigham –
109 (15) 5 SILKS AND STUDS 15 C Fairhurst 9-0 J Fanning 76
110 (7) 5 THREE STOPS 28 M Stoute 9-0 W R Swinburn 93
111 (12) 00 WELLSIAN 10 L Cumani 9-0 L Dettori 83
112 (11) 0 ESTRELA CASTANHA 45 R Flower 8-9 A Clark –
113 (4) 36 GLORIANA 55 Lady Herries 8-9 D Harrison [illegible]
114 (10) 2 SHEFOOG 14 R Armstrong 8-9 R Price 97
115 (2) WARWICK MIST P Haslam 8-9 J Weaver –

7-2 Shefoog, 4-1 Three Stops, 6-1 Oneoftheoldones, 8-1 Mudlark, 10-1 others.

2.00 OCTOBER APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,470: 7f) (22)

201 (4) 0030 SWEET DECISION 6 (F) R Baker 9-7 D Griffiths 98
202 (15) 0000 BENEFICIARY 28 (CD,F,G,S) M H Easterby 9-5 S Copp (3) [illegible]
203 (9) 1650 MILOS 45 (CD,F,G) T Naughton 9-2 V Halliday 94
204 (12) -060 STAR PERFORMER 13 Mrs M Reveley 9-0 G Parkin 88
205 (16) 0040 CLASSIC LIGHT 13 M Camacho 8-13 Kate Mason (7) 96
206 (7) 0100 VANESSA ROSE 15 (B,D,G) A Bailey 8-12 G Milligan (5) 98
207 (15) 0040 NIGHT IN A MILLION 23 Mrs J Cecil 8-10 A Whelan 96
208 (17) 4054 DASHING DANCER 31 R Akehurst 8-9 R Mooney (5) 98
209 (2) 3665 FRIENDLY MONET 10 C Fairhurst 8-8 M Baird 95
210 (6) 5000 SZEKEL 158 J Payne 8-6 Nicola Howarth (5) 98
211 (22) 5000 CELTIC CEILIDH 31 J Wharton 8-3 J D Smith 91
212 (20) 6555 BOLD ARISTOCRAT 20 (G) R Hollinshead 8-3 D Denby (5) 94
213 (1) 0022 RAINBOWS RHAPSODY 111 M Camacho 8-3 T G McLaughlin 88
214 (13) 0050 LAST QUARRY 34 Mrs J Ramsden 8-2 M Henry (5) 94
215 (7) 0366 FOUR OF SPADES 10 (B,G) B Beasley 8-2 C Teague (3) 94
216 (3) 0606 CAFE SOLO 28 (S) N Bycroft 8-2 S Lanigan (3) 97
217 (11) 060 QUIET MISSION 62 J Eyre 8-2 D Lockhart (7) 96
218 (8) 2500 PRINCE OF GAELS 69 N Littmoden 7-12 R Havlin 90
219 (5) 00-0 SUN CHIEF 21 P Makin 7-12 A Eddery (5) 93
220 (6) 4001 SHAYNES DOMAIN 76 (D,G) R Flower 7-11 C Hawksley 95
221 (14) 000 BRITANNIA MILLS 18 (F) M Chapman 7-10 Claire Balding 96
222 (21) 4050 SURPRISE BREEZE 4 (F) R Whitaker 7-8 P Fessey (5) 86

7-1 Dashing Dancer, 8-1 Milos, Last Quarry, 10-1 Beneficiary, 12-1 Star Performer, Shaynes Domain, 14-1 others.

2.30 DON VALLEY CLAIMING STAKES
(£3,574: 7f) (22)

301 (12) 215- ISLAND MAGIC 138 (D,F,G) M Campion 3-9-2 R Cochrane 94
302 (15) 0112 KING RAT 18 (D,BF,F,G) M Johnston 3-9-2 L Dettori 82
303 (7) 0543 MR NEVERMIND 57 (D,F,G) G L Moore 4-9-0 B Rouse 81
304 (20) 4200 PRINCELY FAVOUR 35 (D,F,S) R Hannon 4-9-0 Pat Eddery [illegible]
305 (1) 4200 TOP PET 8 (D,F) R Akehurst 4-9-0 T Quinn 82
306 (6) 5105 WOLF POWER 46 (F,G) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-0 K Darley 78
307 (21) 2101 FIRST GOLD 10 (D,F,G,S) J Wharton 5-8-13 W Newnes 63
308 (22) 6100 PLEASURE TRICK 12 (D,F,S) N Tinkler 3-8-13 Kim Tinkler 80
309 (16) 5000 NORTHERN CELADON 18 M Jarvis 3-8-11 P Robinson 90
310 (2) 3302 AIRSPEED FLYER 4 (BF) R Akehurst 3-8-9 A Clark 95
311 (6) 5050 ALASKAN PRINCESS 18 (D,F) B Smart 4-8-9 D Harrison 77
312 (11) 3106 DINOT 23 (D,F) R Hollinshead 3-8-7 J Weaver 83
313 (17) 0000 OVALWORLD 6 (B,G) D Nicholls 5-8-7 A Garth (5) 71
314 (10) 0-66 PACIOLI 31 R Baker 3-8-5 D Wright (5) 62
315 (19) FAIR ROSE Miss M Milligan 3-8-4 J Stack (5) –
316 (3) 0054 SWINGING TICH 18 (G) B McMahon 5-8-4 T Williams 67
317 (4) 0005 BECKYHANNAH 31 (B,S) R Bastiman 4-8-3 Dean McKeown 70
318 (18) 0000 COLMAR 28 (B) J Spearing 4-8-2 G Hind –
319 (3) 3000 GWERNYMYNYDD 20 (D,G) S Norton 3-8-2 D Denby (7) 63
320 (14) 0650 CHILLY TIME 4 (V) P Murphy 3-8-0 F Norton 58
321 (13) 0040 MILLRIDGE 23 R Guest 3-7-13 J Lowe 74
322 (5) 4050 SURPRISE BREEZE 4 (F) R Whitaker 3-7-13 NON-RUNNER –

5-1 Princely Favour, 8-1 Island Magic, 10-1 King Rat, Mr Nevermind, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 30 winners from 104 runners, 28.8%. R Armstrong, 12 from 43, 27.9%. B Hills, 29 from 119, 24.4%; M Pipe, 3 from 15, 20.0%. E Weymes, 4 from 21, 19.0%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 45 winners from 213 rides, 21.1%. R Price, 3 from 17, 17.6%. M Hills, 23 from 143, 16.1%. L Dettori, 26 from 182, 14.3%. J Weaver, 11 from 80, 13.8%. P Robinson, 7 from 52, 13.5%.

3.00 EBF WHEATLEY PARK MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £4,482: 1m rnd) (15)

401 (8) ACK'S AGAIN B Hills 8-11 Pat Eddery –
402 (6) ALARABY I Balding 8-11 L Dettori –
403 (7) 0 BARFORD SOVEREIGN 22 J Fanshawe 8-11 D Harrison 87
404 (10) BONNE ETOILE D Loder 8-11 J Weaver –
405 (11) FINIUS W Hern 8-11 W Carson –
406 (9) GREY BLADE I Balding 8-11 K Darley –
407 (3) 2363 HUJJAB 17 (BF) J Dunlop 8-11 R Hills [illegible]
408 (12) 0 KRIVA 31 R Williams 8-11 R Cochrane –
409 (4) MEGHDOOT H Collingridge 8-11 J Quinn –
410 (2) MOONSHELL H Cecil 8-11 W Ryan –
411 (5) 36 NORDIC DOLL 139 B Hills 8-11 M Hills 81
412 (14) 0 SHINING CANDLE 11 B Hanbury 8-11 T Ives –
413 (15) 0 TOP LADY 35 M Stoute 8-11 W R Swinburn 78
414 (1) 6 WARLUSKEE 13 M Johnston 8-11 P Robinson 69
415 (13) 0 ZALAMENT 22 A Jarvis 8-11 J Tate (3) –

7-4 Moonshell, 5-1 Bonne Etoile, 6-1 Ack's Again, 8-1 Alaraby, Hujjab, 10-1 Warluskee, 12-1 Nordic Doll, Top Lady, 14-1 others.

3.30 BAXI HEATING HANDICAP
(£4,700: 1m 6f 132yd) (15)

501 (1) 1121 SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 14 (F) M Pipe 4-9-11 G Carter 93
502 (5) 1610 BATABANOO 42 (F,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-8 K Darley 89
503 (14) 1003 SOLOMON'S DANCER 8 (D,F,G) W Haigh 4-9-6 Dale Gibson 90
504 (9) -41/ CHATTERER 809 (B,F) P Bevan 5-9-0 T Wall –
505 (12) 2224 MYSTIC MEMORY 28J (F) Mrs M Reveley 5-8-12 Darren Moffatt (5) 89
506 (7) 0511 FIRST BID 8 (C,D,F,G,S) R Whitaker 7-8-10 (4ex) A Culhane 93
507 (8) 4032 SECRET SERENADE 8 (F) C Fairhurst 3-8-8 J Marshall (5) 93
508 (11) 1005 ISLAND BLADE 17 (D,F,G,S) R Akehurst 5-8-5 T Quinn 92
509 (10) 6024 BARRAAK 16 (D,F) W Hern 4-8-5 R Hills [illegible]
510 (6) 0342 BROCTUNE BAY 8 Mrs M Reveley 5-8-5 J Carroll 95
511 (4) 56-0 BLUE LAWS 6 Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-8-4 W Ryan 90
512 (15) 3122 SALU 6 (D,BF,F,G,S) J Etherington 5-8-2 J Fortune 90
513 (3) 4064 KANDYAN 8 (V) J Watts 3-8-1 D Harrison 97
514 (2) 6506 EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 37 (F,G) M Brittain 7-7-13 J Lowe 85
515 (13) 52-0 PURITAN 1 (F,S) N Tinkler 5-7-8 Kim Tinkler 96

9-2 First Bid, 5-1 Seasonal Splendour, 7-1 Broctune Bay, 8-1 Barraak, Island Blade, 12-1 Salu, Secret Serenade, 14-1 Batabanoo, Solomon's Dancer, 16-1 others.

4.00 DONCASTER WRITERS CONDITIONS STAKES
(£4,404: 2m 110yd) (7)

601 (6) 00-0 DARU 38J (F,G,S) G Fierro 5-9-4 G Hind 92
602 (1) 5210 TREE OF LIFE 65 (F) L Cumani 4-9-3 Pat Eddery 90
603 (5) 210- CALL MY GUEST 9J (S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-9-0 W Ryan –
604 (7) 2334 GOLD SURPRISE 10 (F,G,S) S Kettlewell 5-9-0 J Fortune 63
605 (3) 1400 NON VINTAGE 6 (C,G) M Chapman 3-9-0 D McCabe (5) 66
606 (4) 34/0 TYRONE BRIDGE 8 (B,D,F,G,S) R Walker 8-9-0 R Cochrane 87
607 (2) 4320 ZUBOON 8 (S) J Dunlop 3-8-6 W Carson [illegible]

6-4 Zuboon, 9-4 Tree Of Life, 5-1 Tyrone Bridge, 8-1 Call My Guest, 12-1 others.

4.30 JOCK MURRAY MEMORIAL NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £4,533: 1m rnd) (17)

1 (12) 2040 SHIFTING MOON 24 I Balding 9-7 R Cochrane 86
2 (10) 3162 IHTIRAM 15 (G) J Dunlop 9-6 W Carson 95
3 (13) 3524 COLOMBO KING 15 B McMahon 9-5 J Fortune 93
4 (5) 0516 IN WAITING 20 (D,BF,G) W Hern 9-2 L Dettori 96
5 (4) 5052 NOONDAY GUN 18 R Hannon 9-13 B Rouse 92
6 (9) 5225 GREEN'S WOOTTON 18 (V) M Bell 8-13 M Hills 38
7 (5) 054 KOMREYEV DANCER 27 A Bailey 8-11 A Mackay 90
8 (17) 6710 RAMBO WALTZER 30 (G) S Norton 8-10 M Tebbutt 92
9 (2) 4530 WALHAANAH 8 M Jarvis 9-7 P Robinson 87
10 (8) 2314 EVAN 'ELP US 25 (B,G) J Eyre 8-2 K Darley 91
11 (14) 5005 DALLY BOY 23 M H Easterby 7-9 N Carlisle 90
12 (11) 5001 LUCKY MAGPIE 15 (S) Mrs J Ramsden 7-7 J Fanning [illegible]
13 (3) 1360 SIMAND 34 (F) E Weymes 7-7 N Kennedy 95
14 (16) 6000 FORESTAL 17 M W Easterby 7-7 D Wright (5) 91
15 (1) 0660 KEEP QUIET 18 (B) D Arbuthnot 7-7 C Adamson (7) 92
16 (15) 0500 OUR TOM 19 J Wharton 7-7 M Baird (7) 86
17 (7) 006 BOLD TOP 37 B Rothwell 7-7 J Quinn 87

9-2 Noonday Gun, 5-1 Ihtiram, 7-1 Colombo King, 8-1 In Waiting, Lucky Magpie, 10-1 Shifting Moon, 12-1 others.

5.00 EBF FLAXTON MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: 2-Y-O: £4,794: 7f) (14)

1 (3) BETTERGETON G Fierro 9-0 G Hind –
2 (1) 34 DOUBLETON 66 B Hills 9-0 DOUBTFUL –
3 (4) PP FORTYSDALLOUT 34 R Baker 9-0 D Wright (5) –
4 (2) GREY SHOT I Balding 9-0 R Cochrane –
5 (5) 66 HONG KONG DESIGNER 46 S Norton 9-0 J Fortune –
6 (9) 5 I'M OUTA HERE 23 R Hannon 9-0 R Perham 96
7 (8) NIGEL'S LAD P Haslam 9-0 T Williams –
8 (12) 0 REVERSE CHARGE 7 D Nicholls 9-0 Alex Greaves –
9 (11) 00 RING OF VISION 18 Mrs M Reveley 9-0 K Darley –
10 (14) SOLOR DANCER C Booth 9-0 M Birch –
11 (13) 4 TEN PAST SIX 22 B Hills 9-0 M Hills [illegible]
12 (6) YUBRALEE M Stoute 9-0 W R Swinburn –
13 (7) AFIFAH W Hern 8-9 W Carson –
14 (10) FINAL FLING J Watts 8-9 B Thomson –

6-4 Ten Past Six, 5-1 Yubralee, 6-1 Afifah, 10-1 Grey Shot, 12-1 others.

☐ The Julie Cecil-trained Pater Noster, ridden by Paul Eddery, won the listed Prix Phil Drake over a mile at Maisons-Laffitte yesterday.

Blue Grotto ready to reverse Triumph Hurdle form

NEWBURY
BBC2

2.40: **Khatir**, making his debut over timber, did exceptionally well to beat the previous winners, Greenback and Romancer, at Cheltenham last month. Although both rivals are better off at the weights today, Martin Pipe's recruit should improve enough to repeat that victory. He looks the type to run up a winning sequence. Dakota Girl, who stayed well on the Flat, outran another Pipe newcomer on her hurdles debut at Exeter. She should be included in forecast combinations. Of the newcomers, Twisp was a modest maiden on the level while Secundus was best at around a mile and may have stamina limitations.

3.10: It has been some time since Kings Fountain has shown his best form. The 11-year-old will almost certainly need this race, but even if fit, he will find it hard to master **Guiburn's Nephew** on these terms. Philip Hobbs's chaser goes particularly well here, as he demonstrated when landing this race on his return to the fray 12 months ago. He also had Kings Fountain, allowed an inadequate 5lb, more than 14 lengths behind over the course and distance in March. A race-fit Menebuck would be a danger but Lady Herries's improving eight-year-old is usually better with a run under his belt. Comedy Road would be inconvenienced by further rain while L'Uomo Piu has never won at this trip.

3.40: Dark Den had fitness on his side when winning at Chepstow three weeks ago. However, with Moorish and Blue Grotto in opposition, this is a stiffer test for Julie Cecil's four-year-old. Moorish is the form pick on his Triumph Hurdle second to Mysilv, but his lack of a recent run may enable **Blue Grotto** to reverse Cheltenham form. On only his second outing over timber, Mark Tompkins's hurdler finished fourth, five lengths behind Moorish, and his recent spin on the Flat should have sharpened him up.

JULIAN MUSCAT

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Ryan and Birch are suspended

WILLIE Ryan was banned for six days and Mark Birch for three after the Pontefract stewards took over an hour to change the result of the Pack Saddle Handicap yesterday.

In The Money, ridden by Ryan, finished first but was placed third and the race awarded to Hillzah. Ryan and Birch, on Lankridge, were adjudged to have interfered with the third, Superluminal, on the home turn.

Givus A Buck was a lucky winner of the Desert Orchid Pattern Chase at Wincanton. He was struggling in fourth as first Boscean Chieftain went lame, then Mulbank refused at the last, sending his jockey, Chris Maude, over the fence. Egypt Mill Prince jumped into Maude and was brought down, leaving Givus A Buck clear.

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RESULTS

Newbury

Going: good (good to soft back straight)

2.10 (7f) 1, Jolto (C Teague, 12-1); 2, Duello (33-1); 3, Cameron Highland (14-1); 4, Wave Hill (9-1). Moon Strike 6-1 fav. 27 ran. 6l, hd. K Cunningham-Brown. Tote: £10.40; £2.40, £12.60, £4.00, £2.70. DF: £385.00. Trio: not won. CSF: £317.10. Tricast: £4,995.96.

2.40 (2m) 1, Fatack (J Quinn, 13-1); 2, Shujan (7-2 fav); 3, Jack Button (14-1). 12 ran. Hd, 1¾l. Miss J Doyle. Tote: £13.50; £2.90, £2.20, £4.70. DF: £30.40. Trio: £292.70. CSF: £49.38. Tricast: £547.80.

3.10 (7f 64yd) 1, Painter's Row (J Reid, 7-2); 2, Bishop Of Cashel (6-1); 3, Be Mindful (16-1). Takdif 5-2 fav. 10 ran. NR: Star Of Zilzal. 2½l, ½l. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £3.80; £1.70, £1.80, £3.90. DF: £16.90. Trio: £94.50. CSF: £24.80.

3.40 (6f 8yd) 1, Branston Abby (J Reid, 8-1); 2, Double Blue (10-1); 3, New Capricorn (13-2). Hard To Figure 4-1 fav. 15 ran. 2½l, 1l. M Johnston. Tote: £8.90; £2.00, £4.30, £2.70. DF: £53.10. Trio: £144.80. CSF: £80.96. Tricast: £507.83.

4.10 (6f 8yd) 1, Didina (Pat Eddery, 13-8; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Prince Arthur (6-4 fav); 3, Hakid (8-1). 21 ran. NR: Bella Coola. Sh hd, 5l. R Charlton. Tote: £2.80; £1.50, £1.50, £2.10. DF: £3.50. CSF: £4.59.

4.40 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, The French Friar (M Wigham, 14-1); 2, Godwin (11-2); 3, Sundin (6-1). Roi De La Mer 4-1 fav. 22 ran. Hd, 3½l. G Balding. Tote: £14.10; £3.30, £2.40, £2.30. DF: £106.40. CSF: £92.78.

5.10 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, Kissair (A Whelan, 16-1); 2, Legendary Leap (9-2); 3, Sharp Falcon (10-1); 4, Alattak (25-1). Fox Sparrow 3-1 fav. 18 ran. 1¾l, 1l. G Lewis. Tote: £24.30; £4.10, £1.20, £2.10, £4.00. DF: £76.00. Trio: £188.40. CSF: £84.20. Tricast: £719.48.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £166,116.45 carried forward to Doncaster today).
Placepot: £410.90. Quadpot: £26.50.

Pontefract

Going: good to soft

2.00 (6f) 1, Rymer's Rascal (J Fortune, 7-1); 2, Mazilla (20-1); 3, Doddington Flyer (16-1). Emily-Mou 4-7 fav. 15 ran. NR: Hee's A Dancer. Sh hd, 1l. E Alston. Tote: £7.10; £1.80, £6.20, £3.90. DF: £400.40. CSF: £127.73.

2.30 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, Hillzah (H Bastiman, 4-1 fav); 2, Superluminal (7-1); 3, In The Money (33-1); 4, Mister Beat (14-1). 19 ran. 1l, 2½l. R Bastiman. Tote: £6.40; £1.60, £2.90, £5.10, £4.90. DF: £26.40. Trio: £394.10. CSF: £34.33. Tricast: £807.77. In The Money finished first but after a stewards' inquiry was placed third.

3.00 (1m 4yd) 1, Kalabo (W Ryan, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, Sayeh (11-2); 3, Naked Welcome (9-2). Allaeselah 5-2 jt-fav. 7 ran. 2l, 6l. H Cecil. Tote: £3.10; £1.70, £2.70. DF: £8.20. CSF: £15.40.

3.30 (2m 1f 216yd) 1, Attadale (S Copp, 5-1); 2, Thunderheart (7-1); 3, Moonshine Dancer (5-1); 4, Ambuscade (9-4 fav). 20 ran. 1½l, 7l. L Lungo. Tote: £8.10; £2.00, £2.10, £1.20, £1.40. DF: £35.00. Trio: £55.10. CSF: £41.09. Tricast: £176.69.

4.00 (1m 4yd) 1, Grate British (G Hind, 20-1); 2, Red Bustaan (9-1); 3, Tidal Reach (10-1); 4, Bark'n'bite (33-1). Westminster 7-1 fav. 21 ran. NR: Silent Sky. 1l, 1½l. E Weymes. Tote: £48.20; £6.30, £3.00, £2.40, £8.80. DF: £373.00. Trio: £373.60. CSF: £194.03. Tricast: £1,733.41.

4.30 (5f) 1, Ballasecret (D Meredith, 16-1); 2, Just Bob (12-1); 3, Captain Carat (12-1); 4, Domicksky (8-1 jt-fav). Gone Savage 8-1 jt-fav. 16 ran. NR: Delver, Sison. Nk, ¾l. R Dickin. Tote: £21.50; £4.70, £2.70, £3.70, £2.00. DF: £107.10. Trio: 463.40. CSF: £177.74. Tricast: £2,140.02.

5.00 (6f) 1†, Faite Ro (A Mackay, 16-1) 1†, Kings Assembly (J Weaver, 9-4 fav); 3, Nite-Owl Dancer (8-1). 15 ran. NR: Master Millfield. Dd-ht, nk. J Berks, P Harris. Tote: Kings Assembly £1.20, Faite Ro £15.80. Kings Assembly £1.50, Faite Ro £4.80, £2.80. DF: £59.50. CSF: Kings Assembly, Faite Ro £17.27; Faite Ro, Kings Assembly £23.77.

Placepot: £1,576.80. Quadpot: £86.10.

Wincanton

Going: firm (good to firm in places)

2.20 (2m 5f ch) 1, Young Baldric (W Marston, 4-5 fav); 2, Nick The Dreamer (2-1); 3, Lady Bunting (9-1). 4 ran. 12l, 15l. Mrs J Pitman. Tote: £1.60. DF: £1.60. CSF: £2.58.

2.50 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Nanquidno (S Fox, 9-2); 2, Final Pride (1-3 fav); 3, Mulled Ale (7-1). 8 ran. 2l, 1l. Mrs J Retter. Tote: £6.30; £1.10, £1.10, £1.50. DF: £2.30. CSF: £6.15.

3.20 (2m 5l ch) 1, Givus A Buck (P Holley, 15-2); 2, Babendum (8-1); 3, Egypt Mill Prince (8-4 fav). 6 ran. 30l, dist. D Elsworth. Tote: £6.00; £2.20, £2.30. DF: £14.70. CSF: £52.64.

3.50 (2m hdle) 1, Million In Mind (J Railton, 100-30 jt-fav); 2, Fieldridge (100-30 jt-fav); 3, Monstock (12-1). 9 ran. 1l, 5l. J White. Tote: £3.90; £1.50, £1.30, £1.90. DF: £4.30. CSF: £14.20.

4.20 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Tammy's Friend (R Dunwoody, 100-30); 2, Bonsai Bud (11-8 fav); 3, Social Climber (11-2). 5 ran. 10l, dist. C Mann. Tote: £2.90; £1.50, £1.30. DF: £2.70. CSF: £7.66.

4.50 (2m hdle) 1, Nadjati (M Dwyer, 5-8 fav); 2, Routing (2-1); 3, Chapel Of Barras (3-1). 3 ran. NR: Sull Boy. ¾l, 20l. D Gandolfo. Tote: £1.90. DF: £1.90. CSF: £2.76.

Placepot: £34.70. Quadpot: £28.20.

NEWBURY

THUNDERER
2.10 Monaru
2.40 Romancer
3.10 Guiburn's Nephew
3.40 DARK DEN (nap)
4.10 Shaarid
4.40 Squire Silk
5.10 Sexton Grey

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (CHASE COURSE); GOOD (HURDLES) SIS

2.10 OCTOBER HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,750: 3m 110yd) (8 runners)

1 21310-2 NEWTON POINT 20 (D,F,G,S) (PPS Racing Partnership) T George 5-11-10 T Jenks (3) 94
2 221F40- GLAISDALE 13F (C,S) (Ocala Ltd) M Tompkins 5-11-9 D Bridgwater 90
3 /313/41 MONARU 11 (D,F,G,S) (R Meredith) Mrs M Reveley 6-10-10 (6ex) P Niven [illegible]
4 34000-4 JUDGES FANCY 41 (G,S) (Mrs S Scott) N Twiston-Davies 10-10-8 C Llewellyn 91
5 111211 BADASTAN 20 (B,D,F,G,S) (S Gannon) P Hobbs 5-10-6 Peter Hobbs 98
6 013-243 COURT CIRCULAR 15 (V,D,F,G) (B S Ltd) W Clay 5-10-4 Diane Clay 98
7 P5353-1 ULURU 9 (D,F,G) (P Morgan) C Nash 6-10-4 (6ex) J R Kavanagh 96
8 445PU-P DERRING VALLEY 16 (B,F,G,S) (A King) A Jones 9-10-0 A P McCoy (5) –

Long handicap: Derring Valley 9-5.
BETTING: 5-2 Monaru, 3-1 Uluru, 7-2 Badastan, 9-2 Newton Point, 8-1 Glaisdale, 10-1 Judges Fancy, 16-1 others.

1993: AAHSAYLAD 7-11-9 A Maguire (8-11 fav) J White 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

GLAISDALE 42l 12th of 30 to Time For A Run in handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 5f, good to soft) with COURT CIRCULAR (4lb better off) 11 13th. MONARU beat White Diamond 1¾l in 5-runner handicap hurdle at Carlisle (3m 110yd, good). JUDGES FANCY 26½l 4th of 6 to Corly Special in handicap hurdle at Worcester (2m 5f 110yd, good). BADASTAN completed double, beat NEWTON POINT (5lb better off) 9l in 3-runner handicap hurdle at Chepstow (3m, good to soft). COURT CIRCULAR best recent effort ½l 2nd of 9 to Dr Maccarter in handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (3m 110yd, good to firm). ULURU beat Interplay 1½l in 6-runner handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (3m 110yd, good to firm).
Selection: BADASTAN

2.40 FALCON CATERING EQUIPMENT JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £3,587: 2m 110yd) (17 runners) BBC2

1 211212 GREENBACK 22 (F,S) (J Joseph) P Hobbs 11-8 Peter Hobbs –
2 1 KHATIR 22 (D,F) (F Farrant) M Pipe 11-8 R Dunwoody –
3 13 ROMANCER 22 (BF,F) (M Archer) N Twiston-Davies 11-8 C Llewellyn –
4 1 DAKOTA GIRL 37 (G) (J Leigh) G Balding 11-0 B Clifford –
5 KALASADI (G Libson) Miss J S Doyle 11-0 S Curran (5) –
6 4 LORD WELLINGTON 27 (Mrs T McCoubrey) J Jenkins 11-0 N Williamson –
7 NORDANCE PRINCE 104F (P Prok) P Hedger 11-0 D O'Sullivan –
8 SECUNDUS 8F (C Meehan) B Meehan 11-0 B Powell –
9 SHELTERED COVE 14F (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 11-0 P Holley –
10 0 SYMBOL OF SUCCESS 22 (N T Racing Syndicate) D Williams 11-0 M A Fitzgerald –
11 TWISP 24F (M Platts) M Tompkins 11-0 D Bridgwater –
12 ZAMBOANGA (Mrs G de Sellers) A Foster 11-0 G Bradley –
13 ARAFEL 130F (C James) C James 10-9 S McNeill –
14 0 BROOKS MASQUERADE 13 (Mrs A Brooks) N Walker 10-9 Guy Lewis (5) –
15 MISS GRUNTLED 90F (Mrs M Duff) D ffrench Davis 10-9 G McCourt –
16 NO WHAT I MEAN 24F (D Sprackland) J Moore 10-9 W McFarland –
17 ROCKSTINE 8F (J Morton) P Mitchell 10-9 J Osborne –

BETTING: 2-1 Khatir, 5-1 Romancer, 6-1 Greenback, 8-1 Dakota Girl, 10-1 Rockstine, Lord Wellington, 12-1 Secundus, 16-1 others.

1993: SATIN DANCER 11-5 G McCourt (1-2 fav) G Harwood 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

GREENBACK beat St Kitts 15l in juvenile novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, good to firm) on penultimate start. KHATIR beat GREENBACK (8lb better off) 1¾l in 12-runner juvenile novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good to firm) with ROMANCER (5lb better off) 4l 3rd and SYMBOL OF SUCCESS (8lb better off) 39½l 8th. ROMANCER beat Bang In Trouble 4l in 12-runner juvenile novice hurdle at Bangor (2m 1f, good to firm) on penultimate start. DAKOTA GIRL beat Flawed Logic 3l in 13-runner juvenile novice hurdle at Exeter (2m 1f 110yd, good). LORD WELLINGTON 9¾l 4th of 13 to Weather Alert in juvenile novice hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, good). NORDANCE PRINCE 1¾l 3rd of 12 to Country Lover in handicap at Salisbury (1m, good to firm) on last Flat start, with SECUNDUS 27½l 12th.
Selection: GREENBACK

3.10 GLYNWED INTERNATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE (£7,204: 2m 4f) (8 runners) BBC2

1 RU35/35- KINGS FOUNTAIN 328 (D,F,G,S) (E Benke) K Bailey 11-12-0 N Williamson 85
2 U23F32- GUIBURN'S NEPHEW 210 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs R Steed) P Hobbs 12-11-4 C Maude [illegible]
3 141104- MENEBUCK 174 (CD,F,G,S) (Lady Sarah Clutton) Lady Herries 8-10-13 E Murphy 90
4 142140- WELL BRIEFED 161 (D,F,S) (J Barr) R Buckler 7-10-5 B Powell 92
5 14121-3 COMEDY ROAD 13 (D,F,G) (Winsbury Livestock) R Lee 10-10-4 M A Fitzgerald 88
6 /10130/ RETAIL RUNNER 622 (G,S) (M Pinto) J Gifford 9-10-3 P Hide (3) –
7 313145- ARDCRONEY CHIEF 177 (D,G,S) (W Dove) D Gandolfo 8-10-0 P Holley 96
8 5324-43 L'UOMO PIU 9 (F,G,S) (C Spencer) A Barrow 10-10-0 R Dunwoody 88

Long handicap: L'Uomo Piu 9-10.
BETTING: 3-1 Well Briefed, 7-2 Menebuck, 9-2 Guiburn's Nephew, 6-1 Kings Fountain, 7-1 Comedy Road, 8-1 Ardcroney Chief, 12-1 others.

1993: GUIBURN'S NEPHEW 11-11-1 C Maude (13-2) P Hobbs 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

KINGS FOUNTAIN 11l 3rd of 6 to Panto Prince in grade II Desert Orchid South Western Pattern Chase at Wincanton (2m 5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. GUIBURN'S NEPHEW best effort last season when 4l 2nd of 8 to Egypt Mill Prince in handicap over course and distance (good) with KINGS FOUNTAIN (5lb better off) 14l 5th. MENEBUCK best effort last season beat GUIBURN'S NEPHEW (5lb better off) 7l in 4-runner handicap chase over course and distance (good). WELL BRIEFED best effort last season beat Boccean Chieftain 3½l in 10-runner novice handicap chase at Ascot (2m 3f 110yd, good to soft). COMEDY ROAD 14l 3rd of 5 to Staunch Rival in handicap chase at Worcester (2m 4f 110yd, good). RETAIL RUNNER beat Grange Brake 6l in the 7-runner grade II Rovacabin Novices' Chase at Ascot (2m 3f 110yd, soft) in December 1992. ARDCRONEY CHIEF best effort last season beat Love Anew 15l in 7-runner handicap chase at Fakenham (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft).
Selection: GUIBURN'S NEPHEW (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Tompkins	7	19	36.8	R Dunwoody	49	168	29.2
I Balding	3	11	27.3	P Holley	15	59	25.4
Mrs M Reveley	3	12	25.0	P Niven	3	14	21.4
M Pipe	20	83	24.1	J Osborne	31	146	21.2
N Henderson	26	111	23.4	S McNeill	7	48	14.6
D Elsworth	17	73	23.3	G McCourt	8	59	13.6

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.40 FLAVEL-LEISURE FOUR-YEAR-OLD HURDLE (£3,444: 2m 110yd) (6 runners) BBC2

1 P101-21 DARK DEN 20 (CD,F,G,S) (G Ohrstrom) Mrs J Cecil 11-5 T Kent 95
2 04- BLUE GROTTO 16F (Mrs C Davis) M Tompkins 11-0 D Bridgwater 94
3 2211-2 DESTINY CALLS 20 (CD,BF,G) (Mrs R Baker) N Gaselee 11-0 C Llewellyn 66
4 P- IKHTIRAA 6F (J Morton) P Mitchell 11-0 J Osborne –
5 PP- KIMBERLEY BOY 223 (Miss B Murphy) G Charles-Jones 11-0 B Powell –
6 21126- MOORISH 176 (D,S) (A Fitzpatrick) J White 11-0 J Railton [illegible]

BETTING: 7-4 Moorish, 2-1 Dark Den, 7-2 Blue Grotto, 5-1 Destiny Calls, 25-1 Ikhtiraa, 50-1 Kimberley Boy

1993: MIDDLE MARKER 4-11-0 Diane Clay (25-1) W Clay 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

DARK DEN beat Allegation 13l in 8-runner Chepstow handicap hurdle (2m 110yd, good to soft). DESTINY CALLS 3½l 2nd of 11 to Ambaccador Royale in Uttoxeter handicap hurdle (2m, good). IKHTIRAA beat Telephus 1¾l in amateur riders' handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 4f) latest start. MOORISH best effort when 3½l 2nd of 28 to Mysilv in grade I Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, good) with BLUE GROTTO 5l 4th.
Selection: DARK DEN

4.10 LEISURE PREMIER PARTNERSHIP NOVICES CHASE (£3,652: 2m 1f) (6 runners)

1 2P3R-23 GOLDEN ISLE 13 (BF,F,G) (J Hogg) J Charlton 10-11-0 B Storey [illegible]
2 5/55334 HENLEY REGATTA 8 (E Wey) P Rodford 6-11-0 S Burrough 83
3 32F- JOHN ROGER 164 (H Manners) H Manners 8-11-0 A Tory –
4 00-2 MERRY PANTO 22 (Uplands Bloodstock) C Brooks 5-11-0 G Bradley 83
5 20/810- ROSE KING 245 (S) (M Pinto) J Gifford 7-11-0 P Hide (3) –
6 26/34-1 SHAARID 8 (F) (P Oldfield) I Balding 6-11-0 J Osborne 94

BETTING: 5-4 Shaarid, 5-2 Rose King, 4-1 Merry Panto, 8-1 Golden Isle, 16-1 Henley Regatta, 25-1 John Roger

1993: AMTRAK EXPRESS 6-11-1 M A Fitzgerald (7-2 fav) N Henderson 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

GOLDEN ISLE 5½l 3rd of 8 to Flash Of Realm in Ayr novice chase (2m, good). MERRY PANTO 8l 2nd of 10 to De Jordaan in Cheltenham novice chase (2m 110yd, good to firm) with HENLEY REGATTA (1lb better off) 8l 3rd. ROSE KING beat Jymjam Johnny 6l in Sandown novice hurdle (2m 110yd, heavy) penultimate start. SHAARID beat Spinning Steel 1½l in Taunton novice chase (2m 110yd, firm) with HENLEY REGATTA 9½l 4th.
Selection: SHAARID

4.40 SEVEN BARROWS HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,565: 2m 110yd) (7 runners)

1 66100-1 BO KNOWS BEST 14 (D,F,S) (D Humphreys) G L Moore 5-12-0 A P McCoy (5) 97
2 0410F5- ARABIAN BOLD 153 (D,F,G,S) (A Dahlawi) N Henderson 6-11-8 M A Fitzgerald 98
3 FF2231- SUN SURFER 202 (C,D,G,S) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 6-11-8 C Llewellyn 92
4 123112- SURREY DANCER 16F (D,G,S) (Laurel Leisure Ltd) Mrs M Reveley 6-10-13 P Niven 90
5 533612- ATOURS 22F (D,G) (On So Rose Partnership) D Elsworth 6-10-9 P Holley 96
6 521111- SQUIRE SILK 198 (D,G,S) (R Ogden) A Turnell 5-10-6 S McNeill [illegible]
7 2/1211- NO PAIN NO GAIN 205 (D,G,S) (Marvellous Partnership) J Gifford 6-10-1 E Murphy 88

BETTING: 3-1 Squire Silk, 7-2 Surrey Dancer, 4-1 No Pain No Gain, 9-2 Atours, 5-1 Bo Knows Best, 8-1 Arabian Bold, 10-1 Sun Surfer

1993: NAHAR 8-10-6 H Davies (5-2 fav) S Dow 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

BO KNOWS BEST beat Gospel 11l in 6-runner handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, good to firm). ARABIAN BOLD 30½l 5th of 8 to Bolties in handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m, good). SUN SURFER beat Soothfast 11l in 4-runner handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, heavy). SURREY DANCER beat Aragon Ayr 3½l in 9-runner handicap hurdle at Ayr (2m, good) on penultimate start. ATOURS 7l 2nd of 7 to Coruogue in grade II Littlewoods Pools Scottish Champion Hurdle at Ayr (2m, good). SQUIRE SILK beat Captain Khedive ½l in 18-runner novice hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good to soft). NO PAIN NO GAIN beat Hedgehopper ¾l in 13-runner novice handicap hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, good).
Selection: BO KNOWS BEST

5.10 EBF STAKES OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£2,318: 2m 110yd) (25 runners)

1 1- CHARMER'S WELL 148 (S) (M Kerr-Dineen & M Dalman) G Balding 6-11-7 R Davis –
2 1 DOCTOR DOCTOR 7 (F) (M Lewis) R Simpson 5-11-7 Mr E Williams –
3 6-12 HUGE MISTAKE 13 (BF,G) (Windrush Racing) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-7 T Jenks (3) –
4 1- NEBAAL 181 (G) (C Humphry) G Thorner 4-11-7 Mr M Rimell (7) –
5 214- OUR MAIN MAN 181 (S) (C Cooke) R Whitaker 4-11-7 A Procter (3) –
6 123- NO NEAR MISS 139 (S) (The Radio Three) D Elsworth 4-11-2 A McCabe –
7 5- ALFIE THE GREAT 174 (Margaret Street Pines) P Hobbs 5-11-0 Mr S Mulcaire (7) –
8 4- BIETSCHHORN BARD 198 (A Clapperton) D Gandolfo 4-11-0 M Dwyer –
9 DILLON (P Taplin) M Channon 4-11-0 Lorna Vincent –
10 22- DRUMMOND WARRIOR 174 (D Wilson) T Thomson Jones 5-11-0 Guy Lewis (5) –
11 EYRE POINT (Malcolm Pic) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0 D Bohan (7) –
12 0 GONE AWAY 13 (Mrs I McKie) Mrs I McKie 5-11-0 D Skyrme –
13 0/0- GOOD BLOW 272 (R Jackson) A J Wilson 6-11-0 M A Fitzgerald –
14 0- GOT TO BE JOKING 293 (A Collins) Mrs J Retter 6-11-0 S Fox (5) –
15 6- KING'S CROSS 139 (N Harvey) A J Wilson 5-11-0 D Leahy –
16 20- LORD DORCET 195 (J Hogg) J Charlton 4-11-0 B Storey –
17 0- SCORPION BAY 223 (D Bay) B Forsey 6-11-0 C Llewellyn –
18 220- SEXTON GREY 167 (G Meadows) P Hobbs 5-11-0 G McCourt –
19 3- TREASURE AGAIN 398 (J Gwynne) Mrs M Jones 5-11-0 G Bradley –
20 RU INVALUABLE 21 (D Foster) Miss R Palman 4-10-9 Mr R Johnson –
21 053- LLAMA LADY 239 (H Webb) H Webb 5-10-9 M Bosley –
22 0- MISS DISKIN 184 (M Forrester) R Buckler 5-10-9 B Powell –
23 6- MISS TRAPPER 148 (D Tye) P Burgoyne 6-10-9 B Clifford –
24 3- SANDRIFT 153 (I Southcott) Miss H Knight 5-10-9 J Osborne –
25 00- TAMANDU 198 (R Shaw) C James 4-10-9 S McNeill –

BETTING: 4-1 Charmer's Well, 5-1 Huge Mistake, 6-1 Sandrift, 8-1 Sexton Grey, 10-1 others.

1993: MISTER NOVA 4-10-7 Mr C Vigors (12-1) N Henderson 24 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHARMER'S WELL beat Legendra 2½l in 17-runner National Hunt flat race at Hereford (2m 1f, soft) with MISS TRAPPER (11lb better off) 16½l 5th. DOCTOR DOCTOR beat Elegant Spectacle 15l in 9-runner NH flat race at Ludlow (2m, firm). HUGE MISTAKE ½l 2nd of 17 to Valley Garden in NH flat race at Bangor (2m 1f, good to soft) with GONE AWAY ran out. NEBAAL beat Queen Buzzard 1½l in 19-runner NH flat race at Market Rasen (1m 5f 110yd, good). SEXTON GREY ¾l 2nd of 25 to The Reprobate in NH flat race at Cheltenham (2m 1f, good to firm) penultimate start with MISS DISKIN 17½l 8th.
Selection: DOCTOR DOCTOR

The cream on sport's American pie starts turning sour



Stern: 'global expansion will stabilise sport'

Simon Barnes analyses the problems that are forcing billion-dollar games in the US to look abroad

We grew accustomed to the success of American sports, surely a template for all British sports to follow: cool, succesful, exotic and wealthy beyond compare — a tribute to wise husbandry.

This year American domestic sport has reached a pitch of farce beyond the reach of any British sporting administrator, and that takes a bit of doing. The baseball season was cancelled by a players' strike: millionaires v billionaires once again. Now the ice hockey players are on strike.

And basketball? "We feel there is going to be a strike. That's the path we're headed down right now." This from Buck Williams, president of the player's union of the National Basketball Association (NBA), a few weeks back.

This week, two NBA teams made yet another missionary surge into Europe as Golden State Warriors took on Charlotte Hornets in Paris. With them came the world's highest paid sports administrator, David J. Stern, the commissioner of the NBA. I met him in the most incongruous of settings: a *belle époque* drawing room at the Grand Hotel.

Stern, 51, $3.5 million a year (about £2.25 million) plus up to $10 million in bonuses, spoke long and openly about the strike: "We have a wonderful problem: how to divide up fairly a billion, a billion and a half dollars. If intelligent people can't find a way to do that, then shame on both sides. That's our sort of talking modality and we're gonna keep on doing it till the sky falls in.

"Right now, we think that the baseball and hockey experiences should be cautionary for us. We're hoping to avoid the pitfalls. My public statement is that we are not going to make a comment in respect of any negotiations that might or might not be going on. OK?"

Well, Stern is an American lawyer, OK?, and, like bi-coloured python rock-snakes, this is the way American lawyers always talk.

But one issue on which he is prepared to unbutton a little is the fact that American sport (and where American sport leads, the rest of the sporting world follows) is at a crossroads. Sporting admnistrators on the cutting edge are increasingly prone to discuss this: Mark McCormack, the legendary agent, was talking along the same lines in these pages earlier this week.

"I think what we have seen outside of sports is a complete restructuring of the corporate world. Major companies have undergone a significant downsizing, because market conditions have changed. In some ways I believe that issue is catching up with sport."

Basketball has been the boom sport of the past decade and a half. The NBA was, at the start of the 80s, famous for drugs and empty stadiums. Of American sports, basketball was the seedy one.

Now basketball is the cool one: the sport's and Stern's triumph. Slick and streetwise: sneaker ads, amazingly gifted athletes, mostly very tall, black and shaven-headed. And breath-taking sport. That was the real point. And so the sport with the bad image was wooed by Coca-Cola and McDonald's and was glad enough to consent.

"We had extraordinary growth. Our television deal went from $176 million over four years to $600 million, then to $750 million. The growth continues — but we *took* our huge jump. There is deceleration. It's not down — just slow."

The United States, that most insular of landmasses, is increasingly looking beyond its boundaries. Coke and McDonald's seek growth in Europe and the rest of the world: so, too, and not entirely by coincidence, does the NBA. "You think we are wise-ass Americans trying to conquer the world. We are just trying to keep our heads above a certain level." Global expansion is, he says, merely a way to stabilise the leap already made.

The first point is that basketball remains great sport. The second is that basketball has become an aspect of global cool. American-ness remains the prime selling angle for any American product: fizzy drinks, burgers, a sport, a Chicago Bulls cap to wear bill-backwards.

Basketball, second only to football, is a world game, street game of the poor before it was also the stadium game of millionaires. It surfs to greater popularity on a wave of Americana. But everything goes in cycles and a time will come when people stop wearing Michael Jordan sneakers.

It remains to be seen if basketball needs Americana to sustain its growth: the Dream Team, the NBA, the whiff of grilling burgers. But certainly with basketball, American sport has shed its traditional insularity. We will, for example, be getting the entire NBA season on Sky from November 5.

"Sports leagues are having difficulty adjusting to slowed-down realities. You see it in the United States, you see it in European situations. We are all striving for some formula that works." Selling American-ness is a formula that has worked triumphantly. But nobody wears a backwards cap forever.

The real meaning of any sport lies in the sport itself. "That is the core of the thing," Stern said. "The thing is to ensure that the sport remains a good game." And a sport that loses that, loses everything.

Early anonymity welcome to ambitious McCague



Michael Henderson watches one of England's cricketers test the water in his former 'home' town

MARTIN McCague bought a new pair of shoes yesterday. It was not the most onerous transaction he will ever make but, having had the previous pair snaffled on the flight out when the plane was grounded at Singapore, it was necessary. It was also necessary to walk the streets of Perth as an England cricketer just to make sure that not everyone thinks he is a bounder.

In some Australian eyes McCague is Public Enemy No 1: the man who jumped ships from Perth to Canterbury as soon as the hops in the Kentish garden began to ferment. Others, who feel equally let down by his "defection" two years ago, are more forgiving.

By far the largest is a third group that neither knows nor cares much about him. So far as McCague is concerned, that can only be a good thing. It enables him to concentrate on his cricket without extraneous matters getting in the way. His little errand yesterday served its purpose. Nobody jumped out of a doorway to abuse him or poured a drink over his head.

At the outset of this tour it might be fair to say he was selected "not because, but just in case". He finished last season strongly, trusting himself to bowl flat out, but he cannot expect to take part in the forthcoming Test series unless Devon Malcolm and Darren Gough lose form or fitness.

The first day of a tour is always a good time to start dreaming. When England netted at the WACA ground yesterday the first man to knock up was Malcolm, who faced gentle dobbers from Gough and — heavens above! — an agency photographer. If England's undisputed No 11 imagines himself to be a strokeplayer *manqué* then McCague is entitled to think he could move from the wings to the front of the stage.

He is sure that he is a better bowler now than when he played against Australia at Trent Bridge and Headingley last year. He bowled with pace at Nottingham, taking three of the top five wickets and four in all. Leeds, where he went wicketless for 115, was a disaster, ending in a stress fracture of the back that persuaded him to remodel his action, thereby threatening his career as an international cricketer.

The A tour to South Africa last winter brought little relief. The pitches were slow, his own form patchy, and when it came to picking the team for the unoffical Test match in Port Elizabeth, he missed out, even though Dominic Cork and Martin Bicknell had returned home. He had been a good touring player, ever jolly, but overall it was not a fulfilling journey.

He began the summer moderately, uncertain that he was fit enough to bowl as fast as he would like. Then things started to happen. Damn it, he thought, I shall run in like I used to and take what comes. So far there has not been a twinge.

"Over a sustained period, the last part of the season was the best I have ever bowled," he said. "Until then I felt I was holding back and as a result I was not doing myself justice. If you are going to break down, you can do it just as easily bowling at half-pace as flat out. I decided to run in, felt more confident and began to take wickets. Apart from sore shins at Derby, there were no side-effects."

Michael Atherton refused to be drawn on McCague's Englishness at the press conference on Wednesday, although, with hindsight, he might have preferred to cite both McCague and Craig White as dual-nationality cases. McCague is over the worst of it, not so coy about the stamp of his passport.

"When I lived over here I had no aspirations to play for Australia or for England, either, until I got to England, and settled down with a lovely girl in a lovely part of Kent. I don't think of my decision as entirely to do with cricket. There were a lot of personal factors."

The supposed enmity of the locals does not worry him, although he is a more sensitive soul than his belligerent bowling style suggests. Like many other fast bowlers who bang the ball in and dispense advice freely to batsmen, he is not an oaf.

"I was not bowling very well when I was first picked for England. I am a more complete bowler now and a bit more mature with it. I have tried to develop a couple of slower balls to go with the quick stuff and I think I'm ready to take it on again. I have come here with England to win the Ashes and if people are giving me stick a month or so from now then I know I am doing my job."

Knight leaves Essex

WARWICKSHIRE have signed the Essex left-hander, Nick Knight, to augment their batting in the absence of Brian Lara next season.

Knight, who will be touring India with England A this winter, rejected new terms offered by Essex after scoring 944 runs at an average of 47.20 in 12 first-class matches last season. One of his four centuries was against Warwickshire at Edgbaston in July.

James Whitaker has signed a new two-year contract with Leicestershire with a view to becoming captain in 1996. Nigel Briers, who will be 40 in January, is expect to stand down after the 1995 season. A year ago Whitaker was refused permission to talk to Somerset, who wanted him as captain.



McCague bowls in the nets at Perth yesterday during England's first practice

Ijaz Ahmed celebrates return with brilliant century

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

IJAZ Ahmed celebrated his recall to the Pakistan team with a spectacular innings of 110 at a run a ball in Rawalpindi yesterday as South Africa fell to their fourth defeat in a row in the triangular one-day competition in Pakistan.

Ijaz's superb display enabled his side to score 249 for six in their 50 overs, a performance South Africa were never able to match. They managed only 210 for five and lost by 39 runs.

The result means that Pakistan and Australia will meet in the final in Lahore on October 30. Before then they will play each other in what has been rendered a largely meaningless last qualifying match.

Ignored by the selectors for the past two years, Ijaz took 72 balls to reach his fifty before adding a further 60 from just 39 deliveries. In all, he hit one six and 12 fours. He added 125 in a fourth-wicket partnership with his captain, Salim Malik, whose 56 occupied 74 balls. Saeed Anwar had earlier hit nine fours in a brisk 42.

When South Africa batted, they began poorly, losing Hudson for 20 and Wessels, the captain, labouring 19 overs for 19 runs before being adjudged leg-before to Waqar Younis. Their prospects improved with a third-wicket partnership of 84 between Cronje and Cullinan that took South Africa to 130 for two, but both were run out. When Rhodes fell in the same fashion for 33, South Africa's hopes disappeared.

Cronje, who recorded scores of 98 not out, 64 and 53, was the only South Africa player to reach fifty even once during their four matches.

PAKISTAN

Saeed Anwar c Cullinan b Simons	42
Aamir Sohail c Richardson b Matthews	1
Inzamam-ul-Haq run out	10
*Salim Malik c Wessels b Ekstein	56
Ijaz Ahmed b Matthews	110
Wasim Akram b Matthews	12
†Rashid Latif not out	3
Akram Raza not out	4
Extras (b 4, lb 4, nb 2, w 1)	11
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs)	249

Asif Mujtaba, Waqar Younis and Aqib Javed did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-39, 3-61, 4-186, 5-232, 6-245.

BOWLING: de Villiers 10-0-41-0; Matthews 10-2-50-3; Cronje 10-0-45-0; Simons 10-1-58-1; Ekstein 10-1-49-1.

SOUTH AFRICA

A C Hudson c Rashid b Waqar	20
*K C Wessels lbw b Waqar	19
W J Cronje run out	33
D J Cullinan run out	36
J N Rhodes run out	33
G Kirsten not out	20
†D J Richardson not out	10
Extras (b 2, lb 12, nb 2, w 3)	19
Total (5 wkts, 50 overs)	210

E O Simons, C R Matthews, P S de Villiers and C E Ekstein did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-61, 3-130, 4-160, 5-189.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 10-1-40-0; Aqib Javed 10-0-36-0; Waqar Younis 10-0-35-2; Akram Raza 10-0-41-0; Salim Malik 5-0-24-0; Aamir Sohail 5-0-20-0.

Umpires: Javed Akhtar and Said Ahmed Shah.

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Houghton rallies Zimbabwe

AN AUTHORITATIVE, unbeaten 116 from Dave Houghton, the former Zimbabwe captain, dominated the opening day's play in the second Test against Sri Lanka at the Queens Club in Bulawayo yesterday.

Zimbabwe had reached 213 for four by the close, having been held together by Houghton, who posted his second Test century off 222 balls, with 12 fours and two sixes.

He came to the crease with his side in trouble at five for two and initiated stands of 60 for the third wicket, with the left-handed Alistair Campbell, and 121 for the fourth wicket, with the Zimbabwe captain, Andy Flower.

Houghton is now on course to overhaul his highest Test score, 121, made against India in Zimbabwe's inaugural Test match, at Harare in 1992. He has been at the crease for just under five and a half hours. The positive nature of Houghton's strokeplay was significant as Sri Lanka had enjoyed the better of the morning session, with their seamers exploiting some movement off the pitch.

Zimbabwe had won the toss and chosen to bat first on an easy-paced wicket still drying from the heavy seasonal rains that delayed the match for two days.

"It was a gamble to go in first, but it would have been a bigger gamble to put the Sri Lankans in on the moist pitch," John Hampshire, the Zimbabwe coach, said.

As the pitch eased, both Houghton and Flower took full advantage of anything loose from the Sri Lanka attack, with cuts and pulls prevalent. Their partnership eventually ended when Flower, who made 50, top-edged a sweep off the medium-pace of Kumar Dharmasena and was caught by Muttiah Muralitharan at backward square leg.

Flower had been at the crease for a little under three hours and struck six fours, leaving Dharmasena with figures of two for 65 in 26 overs during the day. Guy Whittal joined Houghton in the middle and clocked up brisk runs before the close.

SCOREBOARD

ZIMBABWE: First innings

G W Flower c Dasenayake b Wickremasinghe	1
M H Dekker c Mahanama b Dharmasena	0
A D R Campbell st Dasanayake b Muralitharan	18
D L Houghton not out	116
*A Flower c Muralitharan b Dharmasena	50
G J Whittal not out	10
Extras (lb 4, b 4, w 1, nb 9)	18
Total (4 wkts)	213

†W R James, H H Streak, S G Peall, J A Rennie and M P Jarvis to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-5, 3-65, 4-186.

BOWLING: Wickremasinghe 20-4-50-1; Vass 17-6-32-0; Dharmasena 26-9-65-2; Muralitharan 29-11-54-1; De Silva 1-0-4-0.

SRI LANKA: R S Mahanama, A P Gurusinha, S Ranatunga, P A de Silva, *A Ranatunga, H P Tillekaratne, †P B Dasanayake, M Muralitharan, K Dharmasena, G P Wickremasinghe, U C J Vass.

Sidhu helps India to level one-day series

INDIA pulled level with West Indies in their one-day international series by winning the second match on faster scoring rate in Bombay yesterday. A sudden shower stopped play in the 34th over of India's innings when they were 135 for four in reply to West Indies' 192 for nine in 50 overs. India, whose run-rate was 4.07 an over compared with 3.84 by their opponents, would have received only 48 overs after being penalised for bowling their overs slowly.

Navjot Sidhu, with an unbeaten 65, led a recovery by India after both their openers were dismissed without scoring. Tendulkar's duck was his second of the series and he will drop down the order for the triangular one-day tournament starting at the weekend.

West Indies also began badly, losing five wickets for 51, including Lara for only six, but Hooper helped them to rally with 70. The match, a benefit for Dilip Vengsarkar, the former India captain, was watched by a crowd of 45,000.

WEST INDIES

P V Simmons lbw b Prasad	24
S C Williams c Kambli b Srinath	0
B C Lara c Prasad b Srinath	8
C L Hooper c Mongia b Srinath	70
K L T Arthurton c Mongia b Kumble	2
J C Adams c Mongia b Prasad	2
S Chanderpaul run out	22
A C Cummins c Tendulkar b Prabhakar	34
*C A Walsh c Bedade b Prasad	3
B St A Browne not out	8
C E Cuffy not out	1
Extras (lb3, w13, nb4)	20
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	192

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-17, 3-33, 4-48, 5-51, 6-111, 7-154, 8-187, 9-192.

BOWLING: Prabhakar 10-1-34-1; Srinath 10-2-34-3; Prasad 10-1-36-3; Kumble 10-0-42-1; Chauhan 10-1-43-0.

INDIA

M Prabhakar c Lara b Walsh	0
S R Tendulkar c Hooper b Cuffy	0
N S Sidhu not out	65
*M Azharuddin c Chanderpaul b Cuffy	34
V G Kambli c Arthurton b Cummins	17
A C Bedade not out	11
Extras (lb 1, w 4, nb 3)	8
Total (4 wkts, 33.1 overs)	135

†N R Mongia, V Prasad, J Srinath, A Kumble and R K Chauhan did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-2, 3-83, 4-111

BOWLING: Walsh 7-1-15-1; Cuffy 8.1-1-29-2; Cummins 8-0-34-1; Browne 7-0-27-0; Hooper 5-0-29-0.

Umpires: R T Ramachendran and N Menon.

Oxford declares distaste at bursaries

BY JOHN GOODBODY

Oxford University has decided not to follow Cambridge University's controversial move of giving bursaries to outstanding oarsmen who are unable to afford to study for degrees.

Instead, it will try to persuade Cambridge, which has won the last two Boat Races, to discontinue the practice, which began this term. At a meeting of the President's Advisory Committee this week, Oxford did not discuss plans to set up a scheme similar to that of their rivals, who have denied that the bursaries are sports scholarships.

Hugh Matheson, the chairman, who rowed in the 1969 Boat Race, said: "We did discuss the bursaries at Cambridge. However, the meeting expressed distaste at the Cambridge move. There are no plans for Oxford to do the same. We wish to persuade Cambridge not to do it."

The tension to win the Beefeater Gin Trophy, awarded to the winner of the annual race, has already escalated with the recall of Dan Topolski to lead a Dark Blue revival as coaching director.

Matheson will now continue his discussions with his opposite number, Matthew Brittin, who chairs the Cambridge Council. Both men say their relations are cordial and they have had several meetings in recent months, with Cambridge attempting to clarify the reasons for their new scheme.

The move was announced in a notice in *The Times* on May 20, which read: "Cambridge University Boat Club has set up a memorial bursary in honour of Alf Twinn, the former university boatman. Its purpose is to assist oarsmen who are unable for financial reasons to take up a place at the university."

The first bursary has been awarded to Scott Brownlee, the New Zealand international, who is on a one-year management studies course. He had received some money as a scholar from the Commonwealth Trust, but it was insufficient for him to continue his studies.

Cambridge has declined to say how much the bursary is worth. It is understood, however, that in certain circumstances, £5,000-£6,000 will be available from the money, raised by former Blues. The number of bursaries is not limited to one a year and the selection panel is chaired by Lord St John Fawsley, the Master of Emmanuel College.

Chris Baillieu, the Blue and 1976 Olympic silver medal winner, has emphasised that the bursary does not get anyone into the university. "Normal academic standards remain, but, if met by an outstanding oarsman who needs the money, we may be in a position to help," he said.

There is clearly tension between the boat clubs at the two universities, with Cambridge believing that some facts have been misrepresented. Oxford accept that there is nothing in the rules that can stop Cambridge offering bursaries.

Brittin has accepted that one of the Cambridge college admission tutors was present at the world rowing championships in Indianapolis last month. Brittin said, however: "He was not connected formally with us."

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HEMERA

(a) A period of geological time in which any particular species was most abundant as represented in strata; an interval between times when two successive species were dominant. From the Greek *hēmera* a day. "Hemerae were much used by English Jurassic workers for about forty years, but hardly at all by anyone else."

MANZELLO

(b) A musical instrument resembling a soprano saxophone. "The manzello, which he uses frequently in solos, sounds rather like a soprano while the stritch is somewhere in the tenor range."

KIAAT

(c) The tree *Pterocarpus angolensis*, belonging to the family Leguminosae, and found in southern Africa; the timber of this tree. From the South African. "There was not a scrap of wool in sight in the theatre-like, kiaat-panelled hall."

MURUT

(a) A member of a primitive Dyak people originally inhabiting the hill country in the interior of North Borneo, although now more widely scattered; also the language of these people. From the Bajan *belud* hill. "The Murut inhabits the interior of Borneo Proper. They are not tattooed and have a peculiar dialect."

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European eyes cast enviously to performances in Manchester and Newcastle

English football revels in success from united front

By Rob Hughes, Football Correspondent

ENGLISH football once transmitted through European competition the disease of hooliganism. This week, the nation's players, and their opponents, gave back to the game the highest essence of football, played singularly to thrill the crowds and score goals.

To have been at St James' Park, where Newcastle United beat Athletic Bilbao 3-2 in the Uefa Cup on Tuesday, to have followed that at Old Trafford, where Manchester United and Barcelona touched equal heights in their 2-2 Champions' League draw on Wednesday, was a pleasure made the more enjoyable when results began to seep in from other venues.

Someone at Old Trafford said that the match was thrilling but flawed. So what? Would they rather have been in Athens, where AEK held the mighty AC Milan to a scoreless match? Would they sooner have travelled to Salzburg, where even Ajax, the young cavaliers of Amsterdam, ran dry in another blank encounter? Of course not. The flaw at Old Trafford, the same as at St James' Park, was caused by defenders allowing instinct rather than order to guide them, by committing themselves forwards. So, they were caught out of position, punished by the whole purpose of the game, goalscoring.

Nobody could say any longer that these were overpaid young men coarsened by money. Nobody could go home dulled by the strangulation of a sport through tactics so negative, so warped in their cleverness, that they wrung out of the night the fun that spectators pay to see.

At Old Trafford in particular, the essence — once seemingly lost to football — was the communion between spectators and players. On the field, the men charged around to the limits of heart and nerve and sinew. Off it, people were supposed to be seated, for that is the diktat that came so expensively, so justifiably, out of the horrors of Heysel, Bradford and Hillsborough. Be seated? Few of them could sustain it.

They spent much of the 90 minutes on their feet, a compulsion that comes when the adrenalin is high, when they stand out of excitement, or anxiety, or the two emotions mixed. Supergiue may have been the only effective way to seat the 40,000 crowd on this fine night. And thankfully, across the world from China to the United States, there were customers watching this match on television.

What they witnessed was the spirit of the game as insisted upon by Johan Cruyff, who coaches in the attacking fashion with which he played, and Alex Ferguson, who simply would not manage Manchester United in a way that would surrender, without the ultimate attacking effort, their proud history of never having lost a European game at Old Trafford. In addition to the goals there were, in the exaggerated but excited eyes of Ferguson, "3,000 points which you could extract and show to youngsters to enthuse them with football".

Just a few of them: there was Kanchelskis, with breathtaking first touch, controlling a ball driven at him with too much pace, turning, and putting his full back, Sergi, firmly on the seat of his pants. So, someone did sit down. And then it happened again. Romario swivelled like an eel with such sudden alacrity that Ince kicked dust, and as Ince fell there was, on that face that is sometimes too intense and too sour, the smile of a competitor who knew he had been beaten by sheer genius.

And towards the end, two substitutes for United both left indelible imprints. Bruce, the club captain, dropped because, at 34, he may not have been able to cope with the mobility of Romario, made a save from beneath the crossbar that prevented a twist and a travesty in the scoreline. Seconds before that, at the opposite end of the age spectrum, Scholes, 19, a player red of hair and aflame with ambition, had cheekily tried to chip the Barcelona goalkeeper. With a fraction more accuracy, he would have scored.

He was not alone in catching the fire of the night. Bruce had done that in the match programme, written before he knew that, after a career of 700 senior matches, he would be left to sit on the bench. "Despite my experiences with United," he wrote, "I admit to being stage-struck at the thought of playing against players of the stature of Romario and Stoichkov — but not afraid."

Ferguson had known for six weeks that he may demote his captain and call on Parker to mark Romario. But when, 24 hours before the kick-off, he told Bruce — the first time in seven seasons of unselfish dependability, sometimes performing through excruciating pain — it is likely that there will have been tears in the eyes, both of manager and player. Bruce, it is said, took it like a man, but the relish with which he accepted compliments on saving United at the death was evident.

United must hope there is not a final legacy to this memorable night. Two players, Keane and Parker, performed when they should have been in the operating theatre, Keane for a hernia, Parker for an injured ankle joint. Both operations have been postponed until after the return match in the Nou Camp, where 100,000 Catalans have already bought their tickets to see Barcelona versus United, episode two.

IAN STEWART



The youthful ambition of Scholes could have stolen the Champions' League match at Old Trafford

Elevation of Harold heightens despair for Hendry

By Phil Yates

STEPHEN Hendry was not immune to the epidemic of surprise results that continued to sweep through the Skoda Grand Prix in Derby yesterday; the world champion was beaten 5-2 by Dave Harold, of Stoke-on-Trent, in the quarter-finals.

Six months ago, despite fracturing a bone in his left arm in a bathroom accident halfway through the match, Hendry trounced Harold 13-2 in the last 16 of the world championship. In two earlier meetings with the Scot, Harold had been unable to win a frame.

The weight of evidence, alongside Hendry's solid form in the preceding rounds, pointed to an untroubled victory but Harold, who had already eliminated Alan McManus, the world No 6, and Darren Morgan, the No 8, showed that previous encounters count for nothing.

Harold compiled breaks of 109 and 65 to lead 2-1 after conceding the opening frame, and he won a low-scoring fourth when Hendry uncharacteristically missed a simple green.

From 0-38 in the fifth frame Hendry levelled with a 38 break. With the reds invitingly spread he was expected to put together a decisive contribution, but he missed a straight pot to a top pocket from point-blank range.

At 4-1 Harold began to commit errors. He missed two reds and a straightforward pink before Hendry made 52 to take the frame. Harold was entitled to assume that he had thrown away the opportunity to win the seventh frame, as well, when, leading 61-5, he failed to pot a black off its spot.

Hendry made 46 and 34 appeared certain. Remarkably, though, Hendry missed an elementary pink to a mid-



Harold: reversed trend

dle pocket and Harold did not afford him a second chance.

Hendry admitted that he was concerned about his game with the United Kingdom championship three weeks away. "I don't think I've played great snooker consistently since the 1993 world championship," Hendry said. "I believe I'm the best player in the world but at the moment I'm having trouble proving it."

However, Harold was not enamoured with his performance. "As daft as it sounds that's probably the worst I've played in the tournament and that's no disrespect to Stephen," Harold, who plays Steve Davis or Andy Hicks in a best-of-17 frame semi-final tomorrow, said.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: J Swail (N Ire) bt J Miche (Eng) 5-4, D Harold (Eng) bt S Hendry (Scot) 5-2.

GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man United	3	1	2	0	6	4	4
Gothenburg	3	2	0	1	5	5	4
Barcelona	3	1	1	1	5	5	3
Galatasaray	3	0	1	2	1	3	1

RESULTS: Manchester United 4 Gothenburg 2; Barcelona 2 Galatasaray 1; Galatasaray 0 Manchester United 0; Gothenburg 2 Barcelona 1; Gothenburg 1 Galatasaray 0; Manchester United 2 Barcelona 2.

FIXTURES: Nov 2: Galatasaray v Gothenburg; Barcelona v Manchester United. Nov 23: Gothenburg v Manchester United; Galatasaray v Barcelona. Dec 7: Manchester United v Galatasaray; Barcelona v Gothenburg.

GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Paris St-G	3	3	2	0	8	2	8
Bayern Munich	3	1	1	1	2	3	3
Dynamo Kiev	3	1	0	2	4	5	2
Sp Moscow	3	0	1	2	4	6	1

RESULTS: Dynamo Kiev 3 Spartak Moscow 2; Paris Saint-Germain 2 Bayern Munich 0; Bayern Munich 1 Dynamo Kiev 0; Spartak Moscow 1 Paris Saint-Germain 2; Spartak Moscow 1 Bayern Munich 1; Dynamo Kiev 1 Paris Saint-Germain 2.

FIXTURES: Nov 2: Bayern Munich v Spartak Moscow; Paris Saint-Germain v Dynamo Kiev. Nov 23: Spartak Moscow v Dynamo Kiev; Bayern Munich v Paris Saint-Germain. Dec 7: Dynamo Kiev v Bayern Munich; Paris Saint-Germain v Spartak Moscow.

GROUP C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Benfica	3	2	1	0	5	2	5
Hajduk Split	3	2	1	0	3	1	5
S Bucharest	3	0	1	2	1	3	1
Anderlecht	3	0	1	2	2	5	1

RESULTS: Hajduk Split 0 Benfica 0; Anderlecht 0 Steaua Bucharest 0; Steaua Bucharest 0 Hajduk Split 1; Benfica 3 Anderlecht 1; Benfica 2 Steaua Bucharest 1; Hajduk Split 2 Anderlecht 1.

FIXTURES: Nov 2: Steaua Bucharest v Benfica; Anderlecht v Hajduk Split; Nov 23: Benfica v Hajduk Split; Steaua Bucharest v Anderlecht. Dec 7: Hajduk Split v Steaua Bucharest; Anderlecht v Benfica.

GROUP D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ajax	3	2	1	0	4	1	5
AEK Athens	3	0	2	1	1	2	2
Salzburg	3	0	2	1	0	3	2
* AC Milan	3	1	1	1	3	2	1

* 2pts deducted

RESULTS: Salzburg 0 AEK Athens 0; Ajax 2 AC Milan 0; AC Milan 3 Salzburg 0; AEK Athens 1 Ajax 2; AEK Athens 0 AC Milan 0; Salzburg 0 Ajax 0.

FIXTURES: Nov 2: AC Milan v AEK Athens; Ajax v Salzburg. Nov 23: AEK Athens v Salzburg; AC Milan v Ajax. Dec 7: Salzburg v AC Milan; Ajax v AEK Athens.

FINAL STAGES

Top two teams from each group qualify for quarter-finals. Group positions are decided by 1, points; 2, goals difference in matches between teams level on points; 3, away goals in matches between teams level on points; 4, goal difference overall; 5, goals scored overall; 6, Uefa coefficients at start of season.

Quarter-finals: Ties over two legs (March 1 and March 15; runners-up home first).
1: Group B runners-up v Group A winners.
2: Group A runners-up v Group B winners.
3: Group D runners-up v Group C winners.
4: Group C runners-up v Group D winners.
Semi-finals: Winner 1 v Winner 4; Winner 2 v Winner 3. Ties over two legs (April 5 and April 19; draw to determine who plays at home first).
Final: May 24 (venue to be decided).

Telford typifies Blyth spirit

Non-League football by Walter Gammie

BLYTH Spartans travel to Northwich Victoria tomorrow in the FA Cup fourth qualifying round intent upon extending their reputation as being among the elite of non-League giant-killers. It is a prospect that excites Jim Telford, their chairman for the past 18 months, who has this season taken Blyth into the Northern Premier League.

"We've got the fourth best record of any non-League club in the FA Cup but, of course, against a Vauxhall Conference side we're the underdogs," Telford said. "Having said that, I've never seen optimism running as high as it is at the moment."

That confidence remains intact despite Blyth falling 1-0 at fellow newcomers, Atherton LR, on Saturday, when victory could have taken them to the top of the Northern Premier first division. The foundation for the club's self-belief is the work done off the field by Telford, a plant manager for Wilkinson Sword, and on the field by Harry Dunn, the manager appointed at the start of the season.

"When I was asked to join the club, it was about to fold, such were the debts," Telford said. With the help of the local council, the Federation Brewery and a range of sponsors, Telford has sorted out the financial problems and enabled Blyth to make the step out of the Northern League. Dunn, meanwhile, rebuilt the side, although one player doing stalwart service in midfield remains — Mark Telford.

"Mark was undoubtedly the main reason I became involved with the club," Jim, his father, said. "We agree that I don't interfere with the football side, that's up to Harry Dunn. Although I've only recently become involved with the club, I'm as fervent a supporter as someone who has been there for 30 years — anybody who stands next to me at a match will vouch for that."

Also featuring in the fourth qualifying round tomorrow are Durham City, who travel to Guiseley. It was the Northern Premier League's rejection of Durham, the Northern League champions, that enabled Blyth to gain promotion. Durham had hoped to be allowed to share Spennymoor United's ground while work was completed on their new site in the city's Belmont industrial estate, to be called the New Ferens Park.

Durham sold the old, city-centre Ferens Park for housing because they felt they could not develop it. The new pitch is ready, the floodlights go up in early November and Durham hope to move back from Chester-le-Street, a fellow Northern League club with whom they moved in instead, in December or January. Victory tomorrow would take them into the first round of the Cup for the first time since 1957.

Bishop Auckland, the club Dunn used to manage, have the plum home draw assignment of meeting Macclesfield Town, newly ascended to the top of the Conference.

Buckley goes to West Brom

By Our Sports Staff

ALAN Buckley was appointed manager of West Bromwich Albion, the bottom club in the first division, yesterday after six years in charge at Grimsby Town. Buckley, 43, signed a three-and-a-half-year deal with Albion to become their eleventh manager in 13 years, succeeding Keith Burkinshaw, who was dismissed this week.

Buckley decided to join Albion because of the size and potential of the club, he said, but admitted that it was "a bit of a wrench" to leave Grimsby. He had been told that there was no money available to buy players at The Hawthorns, he added.

Albion's appointment of Buckley will cost them £500,000 in compensation. The club has to pay off Burkinshaw and his assistant, Dennis Mortimer, who both had three years of their contracts to run, and must pay compensation to Grimsby for the loss of Buckley, who has just signed a three-year deal.

Buckley began his managerial career with Walsall and took over at Grimsby in 1988. His first match in charge will be at Barnsley tomorrow, when Albion will bid to record only their third win of the season.

In another move, Julian Dicks returned West Ham United, yesterday, 13 months after a £2 million transfer to Liverpool. The full back is expected to play against Southampton. Dicks left West Ham in a swap deal for Mike Marsh and David Burrows, which was valued at more than £2 million but the reverse move could be worth less than half that amount.

Dicks, 26, played only 24 games for Liverpool and was dropped by Roy Evans, the manager, from the first team after a pre-season dispute over his level of fitness.

The Football Association has expanded its drug-testing programme to include taking samples from senior, youth and even female players at any time in training or in competitive matches. The move follows concern by four clubs, who fear that young, wealthy players have become the target of dealers selling "social" drugs.

Alan Hodson, the director of the £140,000 FA drug-testing and educational programme, said: "They are not just inner-city outfits. It seems pushers are hanging around young players with a bit of money."

The FA has added to its banned list "social and recreational drugs", including alcohol, and increased the number of annual tests from 80 to more than 300.

It has carried out 160 post-match tests on adult male professionals over the past two seasons and none proved positive for performance-enhancing drugs. However, now schoolchildren as young as nine could be tested as well as women.

Ian Wright, the Arsenal striker, has escaped a possible FA misconduct charge by promising to stop criticising referees. Wright wrote to Robbie Hart, the Darlington referee, apologising for calling him a "muppet".

Sampras warned of threat to title

By Our Sports Staff

STEFAN Edberg, twice the Wimbledon champion, yesterday warned Pete Sampras he could soon lose his position as the world No 1 tennis player.

With Sampras coming back from injury after playing just one tournament in the past four months, Edberg, of Sweden, predicted Sampras could lose his mantle as the world's best player early in the new year.

Sampras's main enemy, Edberg said, would be the ATP Tour's ranking computer. The 23-year-old American built a seemingly unassailable lead by winning eight tournaments this year, culminating in his successful Wimbledon defence in July and must now defend the points he earned with those wins.

Anything less than a successful defence of those eight titles will see points deducted from his total according to where he finishes in each event. Sampras holds a 1,500-point lead over Goran Ivanisevic, of Croatia, with Michael Stich, of Germany, another 300 points adrift.

Himself ranked fifth in the world, the former No 1, Edberg, warned that Sampras must perform well over the next month to give himself a cushion for next year. "It is very possible that Pete will be caught after what has happened," Edberg said.

"Up to Wimbledon he won a tremendous amount of points, but since then he has only played one tournament in three or four months. It all depends on what happens over the next couple of months."

Edberg completed a relatively simple 6-4, 6-1 win over the Dutch doubles specialist, Jacco Eltingh, to top his round-robin group and qualify for the semi-finals of a tournament in Hong Kong.

Eltingh and his compatriot, Paul Haarhuis, are the world's No 1 doubles pairing, with Haarhuis beating Wayne Black, of Zimbabwe, 6-4, 6-1. Haarhuis will play Sampras tomorrow for another semi-final place.

Black combined with his brother, Byron, to topple Sampras and Todd Martin 5-7, 7-6, 6-3 in the doubles.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Saudi Arabia 2 United States 1 (in Dubai).

Wednesday's results

AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: Southern section: Bristol Rovers 1 Bournemouth 1; Brighton 0 Brentford 1.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal 2 Portsmouth 0; Charlton 0 Tottenham 1; Ipswich 1 Wimbledon 1; Luton 3 Norwich 5. Second division: Cardiff 2 Hereford Res 0; Cheltenham 1 Plymouth 0; Swansea 2 Bath 1; Torquay 3 Bournemouth 1; Yeovil 2 Birmingham 3.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Bolton 2 Sheffield Utd 3; Derby 0 Rotherham 2; Nottingham Forest 1 Blackburn 2; Sunderland 1 Liverpool 2; Tranmere 1 Wolverhampton 4. Second division: Bradford 2 Grimsby 0; Burnley 8 Man City 1; Huddersfield 0 Mansfield 0; Hull 1 York 3.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Second round: First leg: Cwmbran 1 Aberystwyth 1; Llanelli 0 Ebbw Vale 5.

FA UMBRO TROPHY: Second qualifying round: Replays: Harrow Borough 5 Gravesend and Northfleet 1; Bognor Regis Town 4 Salisbury City 2.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First Division: Caernarfon 1 Curzon Ashton 1.

SOUTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Dr Martens Cup: First round: Second leg: VS Rugby 0 Nuneaton Borough 0 (agg 3-3. VS Rugby win on away goals).

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 2 Liskeard 1.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Dunston FB 2 Seaham Red Star 1; Eppleton CW 1 Consett 1; Northallerton 0 Tow Law 1; Prudhoe 1 Bedlington 1; Shildon 4 Guisborough 3; Whitby 4 Peterlee 3.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: President's Cup: First round: Blidworth Welfare 0 Ashfield Utd 1; Winterton 1 North Ferriby 2.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Tower Hamlets 3 Waltham Abbey 4. Cup: First round: Walthamstow Pennant 1 Haringey Borough 2.

BOODLE AND DUNTHORNE SCHOOLS CUP: QEGS Blackburn 2 Hampton 1.

BADMINTON

GATESHEAD: International match: England 2 China 3 (England names first): Men: Singles: D Hall bt C Gang 15-10, 15-9. Doubles: N Cotterill and J Quinn lost 15-7, 9-15, 15-10. Women: Singles: A Hunsby lost to D Yun 5-11, 3-11. Doubles: G Gowers and J Muggeridge bt L Oi and Y Qiao 15-8 15-13. Mixed doubles: J Quinn and S Hardakre lost to L Yong and Y Jie 15-18, 10-15. Add results:

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Sunderland Scorpions 58 (Nottage 19, Douglas 17), Eddie Manchester Giants 101 (Robinson 28, Gordon 21, Grainger 19); Thames Valley Tigers 97 (Austin 24, Holley 20, Buckinell 18), Telecantel Hemel Royals 59 (Koochol 17, Pringle 13).

7-UP TROPHY: Leicester City Riders 83 (Treavant 31, Hams 18), Moor Windows Derby Bucks 79 (Slemon 18, Bellas 18, Gardiner 14).

CRICKET

ADELAIDE: Sheffield Shield (second day of four): Tasmania 389 (M DiVenuto 82, M Atkinson 76 not out, J Cox 59, M Minagail 7-152); South Australia 245-4 (D Lehmann 70).

EQUESTRIANISM

LION D'ANGERS Three-day event: 1, M Thomson (GB, King Solomon) 45.80pens; 2, M Todd (NZ, Buddy Good) 62.80; 3, L Law (GB, Welton Envoy) 53.40 British: 8, G Elliot (Mostly Mischief) 59.00; 35, T Pallet (The Barbarian) 73.80; 37, A Higgins (Walkabout) 80.60.

GOLF

MARIENBAD CLUB, Czech Republic: Men's tournament: First round (54 holes played) (GB and Ire unless stated): 64: S Torrance, G Brand Jr 67: J Spence, M Mackenzie. 68 R Allenby (Aus), D Curry, R Boxall, S Struver (Ger). 69: J Hawkes (SA), K Eriksson (Swe), J Haeggman (Swe), D Rey, M Sunesson (Swe). 60: D R Jones, A Bossert (Switz), P McGinley, R Berhorst (Ger), M Mouland, M Miller. 61: J McHenry, M McLean, N Faith (Swe), A Lyle, J Janda (Cz), B Marchbank, P-U Johansson (Swe). 62: M Lamer (Swe), R Chapman, D Hospital (Spain), P Hedblom (Swe), S Ballesteros (Sp). 63: C O'Connor Jr, M-A Martin (Sp), M James, P Mitchell, M Gates, D J Russell, M Feny (Fr), A Sherborne. 64: J Juhanilak (Cz), D A Russell, R Willison, G J Brand, P Fowler (Aus) 66: F Regard (Fr), M Davis. 67: R Rafferty. 68: J Zavazal (Cz) 69: P Mruzek (Cz) 71: J Seifert (Cz) 78: S Tarr.

LAS VEGAS: Men's tournament: First round (US unless stated): 64: B Kamm, S Murphy 65: N Henke, D Hart. 66: H Twitty, J D Blake, R Gamez, B Claar, K Clearwater, M Helnen, M Standly, B Andrade, S Hoch, B Lietzke, N Lancaster. 67: B Henninger, J Maggert, D Rummells, G Norman (Aus), W Levi, B Estes, J Wilson, D Forsman, M O'Meara, J Mudd, J Furyk, H Green, T Simpson, B Glasson, M Bradley. Other scores: 68: B Ogle (Aus) 70: S Elkington (Aus) 71: D Faheny (GB, D Barr (Can), S Ramoul (Aus).

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, N Price (Zim) 22.01pts av; 2, G Norman (Aus) 21.06, 3, M Faldo (GB) 16.18; 4, B Langer (Ger) 15.33; 5, J M Olazabel (Sp) 15.11; 6, F Couples (US) 14.04; 7, E Els (SA) 13.66; 8, C Montgomerie (GB) 12.86; 9, C Pavin (US) 11.64, 10, D Frost (SA) 10.32; 11, M Ozaki (Japan) 9.80; 12, T Kite (US) 9.53

HOCKEY

SCHOOLS: Midland Bank sixth form and tertiary colleges Cup: Third round: Andover Cricklade 0 Barton Peveril 9; Hull Wyke 1 York 3; Lewes 8 Richmond 2, Leyton 0 Benfleet Seevic 1; Runshaw 0 Bootle Hugh Baird 0 (Runshaw won 2-0 on pens), Scunthorpe John Leggott 1 Nottingham Bilborough 4; St Austell 0 Winchester Peter Symonds 3; Stoke-on-Trent 3 Ludlow 3 (Ludlow won 6-5 on pens).

POWERBOATING

JOHORE BAHRU: World Inland circuit championship: Malaysian Grand Prix: 1, M Seebold (US) 20pts; 2, J Jones (GB) 17, 3, G Cappelini (It) 15; 4, F Bocca (It) 13; 5, D Berlels (Bel) 11, 6, K Suchart (Thai) 10

REAL TENNIS

BORDEAUX: French Open: First round (GB unless stated): N Wood bt M Eadie 6-3, 5-6, 6-3, 6-4. Second round: W Davies (Aus) bt H Latham 6-4, 6-2, 6-2; C Bray bt R Gunn 6-4, 6-3, 6-4, J Howell bt J-G Prats 6-1, 6-1, 6-1; M Devine bt N Pendrigh 6-1, 6-4, 6-2; P Tebley (Aus) bt N Wood 2-6, 4-6, 6-5, 6-2, 6-5; R Fahey (Aus) bt C Chueca (Fr) 6-0, 6-0, 6-0; J Snow bt S Ronald Fon 6-0, 6-0, 6-2.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Cornwall 28 Far North (SA) 12.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

RUGBY UNION

Heineken League
First division
Bridgend v Neath (7.15)....

Club matches
Hawick v Langholm (7.30)....
Jed-Forest v Kelso (7.30)....

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
Second division
London Broncos v Rochdale (7.30)....

FOOTBALL

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Bohemians v Shelbourne (8.0)

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Brighton v Crystal Palace (7.15).

ENGLISH SCHOOLS ADIDAS UNDER-16 TROPHY: Final: Greater Manchester v Kent (at Rochdale FC).

ENGLISH SCHOOLS TROPHY: Second round: Lea Valley v Harrow (at Hertford Town).

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: England v China (Milton Keynes).

SNOOKER: Skoda Grand Prix (Derby).

SPEEDWAY: British League: First division: Arena Essex v Cradley Heath (8.0). Second division: Edinburgh v Glasgow (7.15).

TENNIS: International women's tournament (Brighton).

CLUB MATCHES: Aberavon 12 Treorchy 0; Abertillery 10 Blaina 0, Newport 27 Maesteg 3.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Daily Mail Under-18 Cup: First round: St Ignatius 65 Thomas Mills HS 0. Second round: Colston's 80 West Somerset 0; King Edward VII, Lytham 14 Haydon Bridge HS 3; King Edward's, Birmingham 61 Worksop 0; Maiden Erlegh 5 RGS High Wycombe 33; Roade 21 Ellesmere Col 17; Rossall 31 King's, Tynemouth 5; Saffron Walden 6 Wisbech GS 25, St Ambrose 12 QEGS Wakefield 18, Reigate GS 16 St Georgas, Weybridge 8; Torquay GS 15 Kingsbridge 35; RGS Colchester 3 Wimbledon Coll 42; King Edward's, Birmingham 61 Worksop Coll 0. Devon Under-18 Cup: Second round: West Buckland 39 Tavistock 0. Other matches: King's Bruton 7 Downside 3; St Benedicts 26 Windsor 15; Stoneyhurst 41 Rydal 5, Whitgift 19 Christ's Hospital 23; Emanuel 18 RCS Wimbledon 13; King Edward's, Bath 32 Bryanston 22; Monkton Combe 30 Clayesmore 0; Sir Roger Manwood's 21 Kent Coll 10; Stamford 19 Arundel 9.

TENNIS

LYONS: Men's tournament: First round: A Medvedev (Ukr) bt D Nargiso (It) 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; W Ferreira (SA) bt M Zoecke (Ger) 6-7, 7-6, 6-3; A Boetsch (Fr) bt J-L Rascon (Sp) 6-1, 3-5, 6-2; P Ratter (Aus) bt J Bjorkman (Swe) 6-3, 6-3 Second round: L Roux (Fr) bt O Delaitre (Fr) 6-1, 6-4; V Kafelnikov (Russ) bt C Pioline (Fr) 6-4, 6-4; Ferreira bt L Rahmann (Swe) 7-6, 7-6, M Rossat (Switz) bt D Vacek (Cz) 3-6, 6-2, 7-5; Reiter bt J Hlasek (Switz) 6-3, 6-4

VIENNA: Men's tournament: First round: G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt J Stark (US) 6-4, 6-2; A Agassi (US) bt C Adams (US), 6-4, 6-2. Second round: P Korda (Cz) bt T Enqvist (Swe) 6-0, 6-3; A Thoms (Den) bt K Kucera (Slovakia) 6-4, 6-2, A Gaudenzi (It) bt A Antonitsch (Austria) 6-2, 6-2; J Siemerink (Holl) bt M Goellner (Ger) 6-3, 7-5; Ivanisevic bt G Rusedski (Can) 7-6, 7-6

PEKING: Men's tournament: Second round: A Mronz (Ger) bt M Petchey (GB) 7-6, 7-5, B Steven (NZ) bt C van Rensburg (SA) 6-4, 6-3, D Adams (SA) bt K Kinnear (US) 7-5, 2-6, 6-3, M Chang (US) bt S Matsuoka (Japan) 7-6, 6-4; M Chang (US) bt S Matsuoka (Japan) 7-6, 6-4.

SHEFFIELD: LTA Autumn satellite tournament: Quarter-finals: R Wassen (Holl) bt C Schalkes (Ger) 6-2, 6-7, 6-2; G Basil (Switz) bt J Delgado (GB) 6-2, 6-2; P Pala (Cz) bt B Cowan (GB) 6-3, 6-2; P Hand (GB) bt D Skoch (Cz) 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

BRIGHTON: Women's tournament: Second round: C Martinez (Sp) bt P Ritter (Austria) 6-3, 6-4, M Bidoli (Ger) bt P Fendick (US) 6-4, 6-7, 6-3, K Maleeva (Bul) bt M A Vento (Van) 6-4 5-7 6-4; J Novotna (Cz) bt P Hy (Can) 6-2, 6-2. Quarter-final: L Neiland (Lat) bt C Martinez (Sp) 6-1, 6-3

YACHTING

BOC Challenge: Leading positions (at 09:00GMT yesterday with miles to Cape Town) Class one: 1, Ecureuil Poitou-Charente (I Autissier, Fr) 557 miles, 2, Hunter's Child (S Pettengill, US) 1,847; 3, Ben Vio (J Provoyeur, SA) 1,955, 4, Vendée Enterprises (J van den Heede, Fr) 1,978; 5, Scate Calberson (C Auguin, Fr) 2,049; 6, Coyote (O Scully, US) 2,158; 7, Thursday's Child (A Taylor, US) 3,036. Class two: 1, Kodak (G Soldini, It) 2,098, 2, True Blue (D Adams, Aus) 2,165, 3, Newcastle Australia (A Nebauer, Aus) 2,597; 4, Jimroda II (N Vaughan, GB) 2,627; 5, Sky Catcher (N Rowe, GB) 3,031; 6, Shuten-Dohji II (M Saito, Japan) 3,354, 7, Town of Cerve (S Bianchetti, It) 3,446, 8, Cornwall (R Dave, GB) 3,517, 9, Henry Hornblower (H Mitchell, GB) 3,569, 10, Protect Our Sealife (N Peterson, SA) 3,584; 11 Cardiac 88 (F Romack, US) 4,558.

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Wimbledon champion's reputation tarnished by sorry display

Martínez makes unceremonious exit at Brighton

BY STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

CONCHITA Martinez, the Wimbledon champion, was a disgrace to her profession yesterday. Abusing her status as the top seed in the Brighton tennis tournament, she capitulated in 51 minutes before preparing to attend a plainly more pressing engagement, the wedding of her coach in Switzerland today.

There was no disguising her intentions in her empty quarter-final against Larisa Neiland. Wilfully spraying balls around the sparsely populated indoor arena, Martinez bothered to win only 36 points, and six of those were double faults by her bemused opponent, in going out 6-1, 6-3.

Invited belatedly to take the place of the injured Steffi Graf, she had accepted on condition that she would be allowed to travel to Lucerne in the middle of the event. Consequently, a private jet had been hired, at a cost of £5,000, to transport her with her close companion, Gigi Fernandez.

After her swift surrender and on advice from her Spanish agent, Martinez agreed instead to take a commercial flight to Zurich and to pay half the cost of the jet's cancellation fee of £1,200. The multimillionairess still left $8,000 the richer, the prize for reaching the last eight.

She might have regained a semblance of credibility had she been frank enough to admit that she had been, at best, distracted or, at worst, uninterested. She might have apologised, too, for wasting the time and money of spectators who had paid £9 to see the main attraction.

Instead, she attempted to defend the indefensible, offering a string of vacuous comments that amounted to arrant nonsense. "It is difficult to play against her," she muttered. "She doesn't let you get any rhythm." In that case, how come she has dismissed Neiland so comfortably in the past? Since their first meeting in 1988, when Martinez was a raw 16-year-old competing in the Federation Cup, she has not even dropped a set against the Latvian, ranked 44 places below her.

There could be no excuse particularly for the margin of defeat and Neiland was not prepared to make any on behalf of her opponent. "I had the feeling that, if I won the first set, she was not ready for a fight," she said. "You could see it in her face. When I played her before, she passed me every time but yesterday I could see that she was not playing well. Today her concentration was not good."



Martinez: little effort

Martinez occasionally swiped the floor with her racket and uttered Spanish cries of anguish but, in the context of her concession, they were token gestures of concern. Having broken back to close the deficit to 3-4 in the second set, she immediately allowed herself to be broken to love. Neiland, not the most penetrating of servers, opened the next game with a couple of aces. A backhand return into the bottom of the net gave her three match points. Martinez saved one with a volley but, with yet another errant backhand, she completed a resignation that was not wholly unforeseen.

Was it pure coincidence that Fernandez, granted a wild card so that she could conveniently accompany her constant associate, had yielded in similar circumstances on Wednesday night? She led Julie Halard, the seventh seed, 5-1 in the final set before losing the decisive tie-break.

Fernandez had at least given the impression that she was trying. During one changeover, she pruned the flowers with a ferocious forehand, scattering petals across the narrow alley between the two courts. It was not long before Martinez had opportunely followed her out.

Together they will be high on a mountainside on the shores of Lake Lucerne today to witness the wedding of Eric van Harpen.

Martinez was to have left the festivities prematurely, before ten o'clock in the evening, so that she could be back in England in time to prepare for the semi-final.

The tournament, heading towards an uncertain future without a sponsor, scarcely needed to be treated so cynically. Nor, before larger crowds assemble at the weekend, could it afford to lose another seed.

A sense of order and dignity was restored by Jana Novotna, the holder, who removed Patricia Hy 6-2, 6-2.

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Neiland serves with a concentration conspicuously lacking in her opponent

RADIO CHOICE

England's gift to Germany

The Friday Feature: The German Arcadia. *Radio 3, 10.45pm.*

One by one, in its five-week *Deutsche Romantik* season, Radio 3 is ticking off the elements which, together, make up German Romanticism. Tonight's feature is about the landscapes, gardens, castles and palaces of Germany, and how they were linked to the philosophical and aesthetic ideals of the Romantic movement. There is irony in the revelation that some of the inspirational roots of this "earthly paradise" of the late 18th and early 19th centuries were transplanted from English soil. Not for nothing, then, did Heine say that "everyone in Hamburg secretly wishes to be English". He could have said everyone in Germany. Tonight's guides are the architectural historian Dr Iain Boyd Whyte, and Adrian von Buttlar, of Keele University.

Radio 2 Arts Programme. *Radio 2, 10.30pm.*

Have you listened to this Friday night magazine lately? If you haven't, I suggest you do. It is being simplistic to call it arts without tears. But, in effect, that is precisely what it is. I like it because, although it does not try to be all things to all listeners, it works on the principle that deep down in most of us, there is the seed of artistic polymathy. Alan Titchmarsh presents tonight's edition, which covers the arts scene in the Midlands. It celebrates, *inter alia*, the 21st birthday of Leicester's Haymarket Theatre and the 20th of Warwick Arts Centre, both of them flourishing enterprises. Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.30** Steve Wright with guest Bill Tarmey, alias Jack Duckworth from *Coronation Street* **9.00** Simon Mayo, incl the Golden Hour and True Confessions **12.00** Emma Freud, incl at 12.30pm Newsbeat **2.00** Mark Goodier, including Office of the Day and Grin **4.00** Claire Sturgess with Drivetime, incl at 5.30 Newsbeat **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **10.00** John Peel **1.00am** Mark Tonderai plays ragga and reggae

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** Paul Heiney **7.00** Let's Do the Show Right Here **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night: from the North Wales Theatre, Llandudno, Robin Stapleton conducts the BBC Concert Orchestra **9.30** Listen to the Band: Highlights of the National Brass Band Championships and Concert **10.30** Alan Titchmarsh with the Radio 2 Arts Programme: See Choice **12.05am** Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes **1.00** Adrian Finighan with Night Ride

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview **8.35** Magazine, incl at 9.40 Video Review; **10.35** Europe News; **11.15** Chain Reaction **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at 12.34pm Moneycheck, with Liz Barclay **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, incl at 7.20 the day's sport **7.35** Parkinson on Sport **9.05** Now the Good News... **10.05** Stop Press, with John Diamond **10.35** Financial Week **11.00** Night Extra, incl at 11.45 Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.00-5.00** Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.30am** BBC English **5.45** Fruhmagazin **6.00** Newshour **7.00** Morgenmagazin **7.30** Europe Today **8.00** News **8.15** Off the Shelf: *Portrait of Turkey* **8.30** Heritage **9.00** News **9.10** Faith **9.15** Music Review **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Global Concerns **10.30** On the Move **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.01** Faith **11.30** Motown Legacy **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30pm** BBC English **12.45** Mittagsmagazin **1.00** News **1.10** Faith **1.15** Heritage **1.45** Sport **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: *Portrait of Turkey* **3.45** Global Concerns **4.00** News **4.15** Music Review **5.00** News **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** News **6.05** Business **6.15** BBC English **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Heute Aktuell **8.00** Kaleidoskop **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Faith **9.15** World Today **9.30** Europe Today **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.05** Business **11.15** People and Politics **11.45** Sport **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30am** Multitrack Alternative **1.00** News **1.15** Sharp Talents **1.30** From the Weeklies **1.45** Learning World **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Worldbrief **2.45** Jazz **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** People and Politics **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Vintage Chart Show **5.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Vaughan Williams (Tuba Concerto) **3.00** Jamie Cock **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert: Celebrating the launch of Classic FM Finland **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Nick Abbot **10.00** N.J. Williams **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyle

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air. Elgar (Chanson de matin and Chanson de nuit); Leclair (Overture in G, Op 13 No 1); Strauss (Dance of the Seven Veils, Salome); Milhaud (Suite: Saudades do Brasil — Four Dances); Rimsky-Korsakov, arr Rachmaninov (Flight of the Bumble Bee); Roussel (Résurrection, Op 4, Symphonic Poem after Tolstoy)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Arnold (Symphony for Brass, Op 121, excerpt; Symphony No 9)
10.00 Musical Encounters: Peter Hope (Four French Dances); C.P.E. Bach (Symphony in B flat); Anon (Je ne puis; Amors me tiennent; Veritatem); Conon de Bethune (Ahi! Amours); Anon (La tierche estampie real); Bernard Stevens (Lyric Suite, Op 30); Mozart (Symphony No 31 in D, Paris); **11.20** *Artists of the Week*: Domus, Dvořák (Piano Quartet in A, Op 87)
12.00 Voices: Iain Burnside leads a whirlwind dash through the world of dance in song (r)
1.00pm Chamber Music from Manchester: Stravinsky (The Soldier's Tale — English version by Michael Flanders)
2.00 Schools: The Song Tree: Music Course 1 — The Starcatcher **2.15** Together Stories **2.30** Dance Workshop **2.50** Poetry Corner
3.00 Gustav Mahler: Symphony No 9 (Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra under Simon Rattle)
4.30 The Cairo Congress: In the first International Congress of Arab Music in 1932, Western purists such as Bela Bartók confronted Arab musicians who wanted to introduce Western idioms into their traditional music. Ruth Davis outlines some of the controversies and plays recordings made at the Congress
5.00 The Music Machine: Debbie Wiseman conducts her completed orchestral score for the film *Mary's House*
5.15 In Tune: Jeremy Nicholas takes a look at events in the week ahead and plays music. Schumann (Overture: Genoveva); Copland (El Salón México); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 16 in D); Massenet (Pourquoi me réveiller?, Werther)
7.30 Reinventing the Orchestra: Hector Berlioz: Roméo et Juliette (BBC Symphony Orchestra and Chorus under Andrew Davis, with Jean Rigby, mezzo, John Mark Ainsley, tenor, Matthew Best, baritone)
9.15 The Creation of New Ideals: The last of ten short talks on defining moments in German Romanticism
9.25 London Philharmonic Wind Ensemble: Mozart (Divertimento in B flat); Janáček (Suite: Mladi); Gounod (Petite symphonie in B flat); Mozart (Serenade in C minor)
10.45 Friday Feature: The German Arcadia. See Choice
11.30-12.30am Midnight Oil: Stefan Wolpe (Enactments); Penderecki (Polymorphy; Threnody for the Victims of Hiroshima)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: The castaway is Sir George Christie, chairman of Glyndebourne Productions (r)
9.45 Tides of History: In the last of the series, Kevin Connolly visits Sochi, once the seaside playground of Stalin's elite, now struggling to attract a new generation of Russians
10.00 News; Scotland Up the Fifties (FM only): Magnus Magnusson remembers a country which is farther away than a mere four decades
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Sylvia Horn meets the music theatre director Lucy Bailey
11.30 The Natural History Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm The Food Procession: The Luberon region of Provence, renowned for its goat's cheese, asparagus, truffles, melons, strawberries, olives and herbs, is under threat from cheap imports **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Classic Serial: Frankenstein. Concluding the dramatisation of Mary Shelley's novel (r)
3.00 News; Anderson Country
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Tim Marlow checks out the life of Lou Reed in a new biography
4.45 Short Story: The Salt Bins, by Patrick Cunningham (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Walters Beside the Seaside: John Walters samples a Grand Hotel on the South Coast (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week
8.05 Any Questions? The panel is Austin Mitchell MP, Robin Page, Sheila McKechnie and Michael Forsyth MP, Home Office Minister
8.50 Law in Action: Marcel Berlins presents the first in a new series of programmes which examine the issues shaping the law
9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: Quentin Cooper talks to Quentin Tarantino, the controversial young director of *Pulp Fiction* (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Los Angeles without a Map... Shaun Prendergast reads the third part of Richard Rayner's novel
11.00 Week Ending: Sally Grace, Jeffrey Holland, Toby Longworth and Julie Gibbs review the week's news
11.25 Tea Junction: Patrick Hannan and his guests take a sceptical look at the week's events
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News incl 12.27 Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

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Shadow-boxing in Hong Kong reveals tough Hide

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT
IN HONG KONG

IT IS just as well that Herbie Hide is not over-sensitive, otherwise he would have been most unhappy having to box on the same card as Frank Bruno and Tommy Morrison, against whom he defends his World Boxing Organisation (WBO) heavyweight title. Even though Hide is the champion, he has been largely ignored by the media in the build-up to the first big boxing promotion here, Britain versus the United States, billed High Noon in Hong Kong.

Perhaps because success for Morrison, who is white, blond and "blue-eyed" and Bruno, who is big, British and beatable, is better for business than victory for a little-known Flash Harry from Norwich, hype has found a way to keep the champion in the background.

Bob Arum, the American promoter, certainly pays lip-service to Hide's ability, once even describing him as a new Muhammad Ali, but Hide somehow never comes to the fore.

"I don't mind that nobody bothers about me, because I'm young and better than both of them," Hide said. "I don't worry about all those things. I just want to be recognised for what I do. I don't get a thrill to see myself in the paper — 'Cor, I'm in the paper' — or whatever. I'm quite happy being at home in Norwich. I keep myself away from everybody. I'm a quiet person and not a Eubank or Benn. I'm just Herbie Hide. I'm just a level-headed guy."

So long as he is left alone to get on with the building of his eight-bedroom £500,000 house in 20 acres of prime land in Norwich, Hide does not mind who gets the publicity. He does not even mind if Bruno is given more money than he. "So long as I get the right rate for the job," he said.

Freddie King, Hide's trainer, was upset at the "unprofessional way" in which the media had neglected the champion but was glad he did not communicate his feeling to his charge, who, too often, has reacted angrily when he has felt slighted.

If Hide has found a new maturity and responsible attitude since winning the WBO title from Michael Bentt in March, so, too, has Morrison. The challenger, who has won 41 of his 44 contests, grew up taking part in tough-man contests in the Midwest and later found a liking for softer company when he turned to films and appeared in *Rocky V*; he has always been difficult to control.

To keep him away from wine, women and song at all hours before his bout with George Foreman in 1993, his trainer, Tommy Vergetts, put him into a military establishment in Virginia for six weeks. He outpointed Foreman.

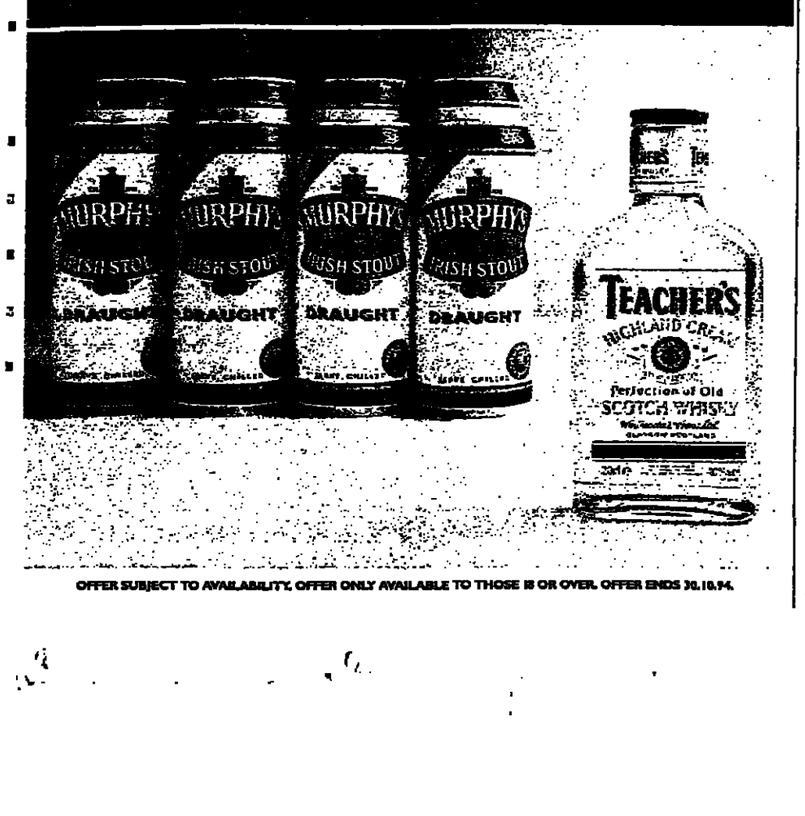
"In order to get him into shape, I've had to push him," Vergetts said. "This time we trained in Tulsa with the understanding that if there is any distraction, we were going to an army base in Arizona. We didn't have to go.

"He now has his fiancée with him. She stops him from going out and drinking and behaving like the animal that he had a tendency to be.

"I am a firm believer in the saying, 'It's not the women that kill you; it's the staying up all night chasing 'em'."

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Clean-living Clarke cuts a dash with Australia's best

Christopher Irvine on how Great Britain's face of the future is being groomed for leadership on the toughest stage

One member of the Great Britain rugby league team, above the rest, receives the plaudits of Australians without equivocation. Phil Clarke, they insist, "would walk into any Winfield Cup side". Although understandable, such praise is hardly music to Wigan or English ears.

It is not merely that playing talents so richly laden are in short supply, but that a sport often pilloried about its image needs every marketable asset it can get. With a university degree, a successful health and fitness consultancy, and the dashing presence perhaps suited to a graduate of human movement, Clarke's is the acceptable face rugby league likes to promote.

When the Rugby Football League launched its Little League initiative last month to attract more children into the sport, it was Clarke who fronted the video. His dedication, slavish fitness routines and nutritionally correct lifestyle constitute the thoroughly modern professional.

Bobby Fulton has been leading the antipodean chorus of approval. The Australia coach has a particular interest in the Great Britain loose forward as coach of Manly-Warringah, one of several Australian clubs that produced their cheque books while Clarke was in Brisbane last June helping Wigan to their success in the world club challenge.

"He's exciting, explosive, his direct running can be devastating if you give him an inch," Fulton said. "In short, he's one of the biggest threats to us in the Test series." Even when things are going wrong, the perpetual motion of the skullcapped Clarke has never been known to relent.

Wigan, obviously, mean to keep him. With Denis Betts and Frano Botica joining Andy Platt and Dean Bell at Auckland Warriors at the end of the season, when Clarke's present contract expires, the club has already offered him a new long-term deal. For Britain's sake, too, it is important that he signs.

At 23, Clarke, in a career marked by ups and no noticeable downs, as yet — he has won five league championships and five Challenge Cup-winners' medals with Wigan — still represents the future. That might lie in the Winfield Cup. Tomorrow, he steps out as vice-captain at Wembley against Australia in the first John Smith's international, his fourteenth international appearance.



Clarke: explosive talent

The name above his in the Great Britain register is that of his father, Colin Clarke, whose coaching days at Central Park ended a year before Phil signed from the Wigan St Patrick's amateur club, in 1987, and who scored a try in the 21-12 defeat of Australia at Wembley in 1973. An omen, perhaps?

Clarke Jr, the one-time heir apparent to Ellery Hanley before his international retirement last year and subsequent appointment as Great Britain coach, has been earmarked to lead since the 1992 visit to Australia and New Zealand, when Hanley's tour was curtailed by injury after six minutes. With a handful of exceptions, Clarke has worn the No 13 shirt since, rarely to greater effect than in the 33-10 win in Melbourne against the Kangaroos two years ago.

That heady night Clarke led a five-try procession, and while history is a notoriously fickle guide, he reckoned an air of pessimism about the present three-match series was misplaced. "The Australians have shown on this tour that they are a strong side. No side, though, is unbeatable. We know our own strength, and we know it will be a tough and close battle," he said.

Clarke will lead by example. Timing is his greatest strength. Every run, every tackle, is carried out with precision. At the base of the midfield triangle, he will spearhead a Britain pack in which sacrifices in bulk have been made for the mobility that Clarke best typifies.

Vanity galore, almost enough for a bonfire

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

A couple of years ago, tuning by mistake to Channel 4's *The Word*, I found myself watching a Californian man have a "pec" operation — an experience I would hesitate to repeat. Years of diligent bench pressing had evidently failed to give this chap the full, rounded little boobies he admired in other men, so silicon sachets were inserted through slits under his armpits — a tricky business which entailed his unconscious cadaver being pushed, jiggled and jerked on the table like a chicken being stuffed for the oven. Like all operations, it looked like a desecration of the dead. And like all plastic surgery on television, it made me jig, thrash and whimper on the sofa, like a member of the St Vitus Dance Club.

Which is why this review of last night's cosmetic surgery **Inside Story** (BBC 1) may be somewhat incomplete. It's hard to take notes on a programme if, even with your eyes closed, the tap-tap-chunk, zzzz, zzzz, and clip-clip on the soundtrack vividly signifies a man having his nose broken with a chisel, and you are obliged to hide behind a door. Catharine Seddon's *The Body Shop* was witty, fresh and even cleverly non-judgmental, but its operating-table images were horrific. I had imagined liposuction as a slow, precise, dignified art; it isn't. A huge needle, the diameter of a turkey baster or clyster pipe, is shoved around blind inside the patient's body — like roughly vacuum-cleaning the inside of a cushion cover while in a pre-menstrual bad mood — meanwhile, at the end of a tube, blood and yellow fat splash into a jar.

The Body Shop was a portrait of a private, expensive and expanding hospital near Birmingham, its services nicely paralleled by images from the building work outside. "For fat transplantation, dial 424," cooed the hospital's answering-machine message, as the camera panned across giant-wobble-gut labourers tipping concrete from wheelbarrows. "We'll install the pumps in here, and then lift that from here to there," said the foreman, echoing precisely the indoor surgeon's plan for hoiking and underpinning a pair of drooping, over-large breasts. Did you know that a woman's nipples *should be 23 cms from her* collarbone? I had no idea. All over Britain last night, female viewers pursed their lips, mentally located the tape-measure — and then wrestled the potent urge to get it out and use it.

Plastic surgery is hardly new ground for documentaries, yet there were still surprises in last night's film. For example, the price of £2,995 for breast surgery includes everything, "right down to the newspapers" (nice to know where 20p of it is going). As for the patients, the nervous, mousey-looking woman with the tummy-tuck turned out to be immensely rich, personally piloting a light aircraft to Geneva whenever she fancied a new handbag; while Mark, a vain, 25-year-old Sam Malone wannabe (he felt a wreck without mousse on his hair) was a plumber. Mark's nose operation was utterly superfluous — as everyone assured him, even the surgeon. When asked his aspirations afterwards, Mark said he just wanted to look better and better, and would now save up for his teeth. That aspirations could take any other form had not previously occurred to him.

"Keep Young and Beautiful" was crooned through the programme — for obvious reasons. But such a trite explanation for the *surgery — keep young and beautiful if you want to be loved* — was clearly not the whole story with anyone here. On the phone to her husband after the operation, the rich woman asked him twice what the weather was like, a sure sign that marital stimulation was not uppermost in her mind. This woman was a puzzle, actually; and her mystery deepened the more you saw of her. It was as though she loved to waste money, spending thousands on an operation that didn't make much difference; flying to Paris to visit hairdressers who cut an everyday shape and forgot to add highlights; flying her own aircraft, and only using it as a glorified runabout for international shops. I just hope she got her money's worth out of her newspaper (but given this dismal track record, she probably buys *The Independent*).

Is Levick a common name? Is *there a Levick dynasty in the* medical profession? Interesting that the plastic surgeon in *Inside Story* was Paul Levick, while the outgoing chief executive in the factual **Children's Hospital** (BBC 1, first programme, third series) was another Levick called Keith. On the other hand, perhaps this isn't interesting at all. In terms of probability, it is negligible. If an infinite number of monkeys scheduled television, no one would give it a second glance.

(*Memo to Michael Jackson. Idea for BBC 2 theme night. Place scheduling decisions with infinite number of monkeys.*)

The trouble with *Children's Hospital* is its "heart-warming" tag, implying that the real-life, sick-kiddie stories of these Sheffield wards will be chosen entirely for their ability to reel you weeping and smiling towards the screen, an invisible fish-line hooked to your ribcage. And judging by last night, *yep, that's exactly what they do.* Tiny four-year-old Hayley Finch was so thoroughly heart-warming she should have a series to herself. Afflicted by brittle bones, this saucy wee scamp-face could walk only by pushing a wheeled frame, but with the aid of an operation (more vivid, red images of scissored flesh), would finally gain strength in her legs. Heart-warming? I should say so (sniff). A theme night chosen by an infinite number of Charles Dickenses could not have managed it better.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (52911)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (34389889)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk presides over a topical studio discussion (1043650)

10.00 News *(Ceefax) and weather (1081228)* **10.05 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick**. Today's edition features gardening tips, showbusiness news and the *Room for Improvement* slot. Including at **11.00 News** (Ceefax) (s) (15273599)

12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (1030792) **12.05pm Pebble Mill**. Gloria Hunniford's guests include Brenda Lee and George Martin (s) (3444605) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (26011063)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) (23686)

1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (89523808)

1.50 The Great British Quiz (s) (89527624)

2.15 The Flying Doctors (Ceefax) (s) (1714605)

3.00 Greenfingers. The gardening programme visits Irvinestown, Co Fermanagh (s) (7353) **3.30 Popeye**. Cartoon double bill (4684131)

3.45 TVK (s) (4689686) **4.00 The New Yogi Bear Show** (r) (7546112) **4.05 Get Your Own Back** (s) (7483860) **4.35 Record Breakers** (Ceefax) (s) (9590421) **5.00 Newsround** (8983131) **5.10 Byker Grove** (Ceefax) (s) (5930082)

5.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (776353). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax). Weather (334)

6.30 Regional news magazines (886). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s)

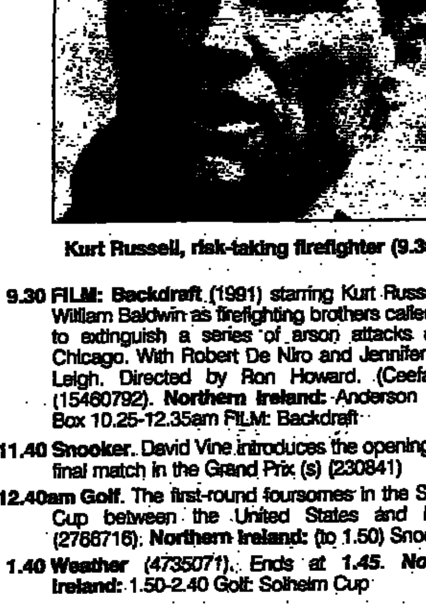
7.00 Wipeout. Three contestants test their general knowledge and tactical skills. Hosted by Paul Daniels (9334). **Wales:** Inside Out

7.30 Tomorrow's World. The science magazine finds out how the golden orb spider is helping to produce the very latest in bullet-proof vests. And there is a report on the forensic laboratory that is preserving objects retrieved from the wreck of the *Titanic*. (Ceefax) (s) (570)

8.00 Keeping Up Appearances. Hyacinth Bucket organises the church hall's bring-and-buy sale (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8082)

8.30 Big Break. Jim Davidson hosts the snooker game show. (Ceefax) (s) (4889)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Peter Sissons (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7957)



Kurt Russell, risk-taking firefighter (9.30pm)

9.30 FILM: Backdraft (1991) starring Kurt Russell and William Baldwin as firefighting brothers called upon to extinguish a series of arson attacks around Chicago. With Robert De Niro and Jennifer Jason Leigh. Directed by Ron Howard. (Ceefax) (s) (15460792). **Northern Ireland:** Anderson on the Box 10.25-12.35am FILM: Backdraft

11.40 Snooker. David Vine introduces the opening semi-final match in the Grand Prix (s) (230841)

12.40am Golf. The first-round foursomes in the Solheim Cup between the United States and Europe (2766716). **Northern Ireland:** (to 1.50) Snooker

1.40 Weather *(4735071). Ends at* **1.45**. **Northern Ireland:** 1.50-2.40 Golf: Solheim Cup

BBC2

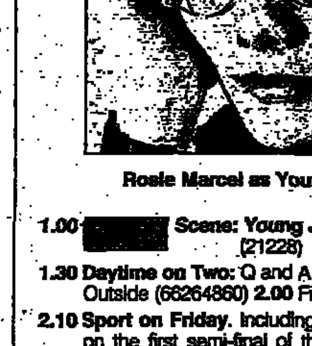
7.00am The Adventures of Buzzy Bee and Friends (r) (6846537) **7.05 Poddington Peas** (r) (6845808) **7.10 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles** (r) (Ceefax) (7938402) **7.30 Blue Peter** (r) (Ceefax) (34792)

8.00 Breakfast News *(Ceefax) (3492976)*

8.15 Westminster Daily (5892889)

9.00 Daytime on Two: Educational programmes, including, for children **10.00-10.25** *Playdays (r) (s)* (2518537)

12.30pm Working Lunch. Business news (99570)



Rosie Marcel as Young Jung (1.00pm)

1.00 CHOICE **Scene: Young Jung** (s) (21228)

1.30 Daytime on Two: Q and A (66276605) **1.45** Come Outside (66264860) **2.00** Fireman Sam (37131570)

2.10 Sport on Friday. Including Snooker: commentary on the first semi-final of the Grand Prix from the Assembly Rooms, Derby; Tennis: action from the quarter-final of the Brighton International; Racing: racing from Newbury at 2.40, 3.10 (Glynwed International Chase) and 3.40. Including at **3.00** and **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (28744605)

6.00 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons (r) (Ceefax) (990024)

6.25 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). Cult detective series with Mike Pratt and Kenneth Cope (r) (s) (804247)

7.15 The O-Zone. Zoë Ball watches INXS film the video for their latest single (s) (831315)

7.30 Sounds of the Seventies (r) (s) (112)

8.00 CHOICE **Public Eye: Out of Order** (Ceefax) (6624)

8.30 CHOICE **Perpetual Motion: The Ford Transit** (Ceefax) (s) (5131)

9.00 Red Dwarf VI (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5599)

9.30 CHOICE **Favourite Films** (Ceefax) (s) (19334)

10.00 Knowing Me, Knowing You . . . With Alan Partridge. Last in the spoof chat show series (Ceefax). Followed by **Bard on the Box: Essential Shakespeare** (80334)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (642402)

11.15 Loose Talk. A comic discussion on the week's news (s) (117995)

11.45 The Larry Sanders Show (Ceefax) (s) (724763)

12.10am Weatherview (9036174)

12.15 FILM: Duel in the Sun *(1946). Jennifer Jones stars* as a half-breed torn between two men in one of Martin Scorsese's *Favourite Films*. With Gregory Peck and Joseph Cotten. Directed by King Vidor. (Ceefax) (s) (85378193). Ends at **2.25**

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CHOICE



Jools Holland, fan of the Transit van (BBC2, 8.30pm)

Perpetual Motion: The Ford Transit
BBC2, 8.30pm

It may be a van ordinaire these days but when the Ford Transit was launched back in 1965 it was a status symbol. Fast, comfortable and easy to drive, the Transit transformed the dull image of the workaday commercial vehicle. Even the short bonnet overcame gibes about making the Transit look like a pig. The first of a new series celebrating transport classics tells the Transit story with the help of Ford veterans and enthusiastic users. The van appealed equally to bank robbers (95 per cent of raids in 1972 used Transits) and to rock bands, offering, as Jools Holland recalls, space for both musicians and equipment. Nearly 40 years on, *and with only one significant facelift, it remains the* bestseller in its class.

Scene: Young Jung
BBC2, 1.00pm

The drama series for schools continues to yield work good enough for a wider audience. Howard Schuman, of *Rock Follies* and *Selling Hitler*, is the author of this pithy comedy about a 14-year-old schoolgirl who fancies herself as a psychiatrist and takes on a fellow pupil with an unusual addiction. The beauty of the half-hour slot is that writers are forced to get straight to the point and avoid surplus fat. If only the same discipline could be imposed on many of those who pen dramas for adults. *Young Jung* is not only tightly written but packed with ideas that should enjoyably stretch the 13- to 17-year-olds for whom it is intended, as well as anybody else who cares to tune in. Prior knowledge of Carl Gustav Jung is not essential.

Favourite Films
BBC2, 9.30pm

Martin Scorsese launches a series in which Hollywood actors and directors do a cinema equivalent of *Desert Island Discs*. Scorsese's selection has added interest because he is able to show how movies he enjoyed as a youngster went on to influence his own work. There are some unexpected homages. Powell and Pressburger's *The Tales of Hoffman* has an echo in *Goodfellas* and *El Paso*, a minor western, inspires a scene in *Taxi Driver*. Powell and Pressburger surface again with *The Red Shoes* and there are tributes to such expected classics as *Citizen Kane* and *The Searchers*. The western *Duel in the Sun*, which stunned the six-year-old Scorsese with its dazzling images and savage music, is being shown at 12.15am.

Public Eye: Out of Order
BBC2, 8.00pm

Private security is one of Britain's biggest growth industries. There are now more security guards than police officers and too often, this report claims, they are no better than thugs in uniform. Motorway protesters and hunt saboteurs describe being punched, kicked and assaulted with pickaxe handles. Two women complain of sexual abuse. A company run by a convicted criminal charges 3,000 residents of a Doncaster housing estate £1 a week to protect their property from burglars. But the crime figures have gone up and children say they have been chased and harassed by the security guards. The programme calls for the industry to be regulated, something the Government has so far refused. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON/LWT

6.00 GMTV. News and entertainment (4184624)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep Trolley-dashing shopping quiz (s) (9637315) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2595686)

10.00 The Time . . . The Place *(s) (1063150)*

10.35 This Morning Including *Sunday Best*, in which chef Brian Turner prepares a three-course lunch (1063150) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1036976)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News *(Teletext)* (8920599)

12.55 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (8938518)

1.25 Home and Away (Teletext) (81193889) **1.55 The Chrystal Rose Show** (49814155)

2.25 A Country Practice (s) (53193808)

2.50 Take the High Road Scottish drama serial (1409808)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (6878537) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6877808)

3.30 The Magic House (r) (4686599) **3.45 The Spooks of Bottle Bay** (s) (4607082) **4.05 Avenger Penguins** (s) (7498792) **4.30 Taz-Mania** (r) (s) (9241179) **4.40 Knightmare** Teenagers from Bristol compete in the interactive game (s) (4162686)

5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating (Teletext) (9720889)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News with John Suchet (Teletext) and weather (426119)

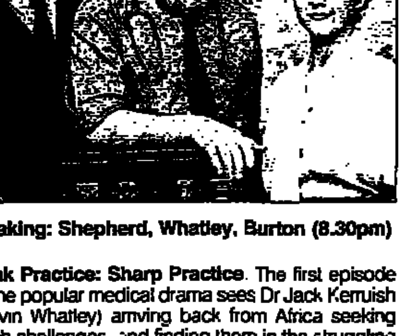
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (895470)

6.25 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (435266)

7.00 Catchphrase Roy Walker hosts the high-tech game show. (Teletext) (4402)

7.30 Coronation Street. What will Reg's reaction be when he finds out why Curly is leaving Bettabuys? (Teletext) (266)

8.00 The Bill: Bridgework. Meadows and Cato are at loggerheads, while Conway celebrates his birthday. (Teletext) (3150)



Peaking: Shepherd, Whatley, Burton (8.30pm)

8.30 Peak Practice: Sharp Practice. The first episode of the popular medical drama sees Dr Jack Kerruish (Kevin Whatley) arriving back from Africa seeking fresh challenges, and finding them in the struggling Peak District practice. With Amanda Burton and Simon Shepherd (r) (Teletext) (s) (78518)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (77860)

10.30 FILM: A Mind to Kill (1992) starring Hywel Bennett and Philip Madoc. The police team up with a flamboyant university professor to track a brutal serial killer. (27712112)

12.20am London Tonight (Teletext) (8190551)

12.30 The Trials of Rosie O'Neill. Sharon Gless defends an environmental activist who has been accused of sabotaging a toxic waste incinerator (s) (2772377)

1.25 Whale On. Late-night entertainment with James Whale (9850193) **2.30 ITV Chart Show** (s) (46648)

3.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (35209)

4.00 Noisy Mothers (s) (90483)

5.00 Best of British Motorsport (42464)

5.30 ITN Morning News (36700). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am King Arthur and the Knights of Justice Animation (r) (7064957)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (46537)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (94537)

9.30 Schools (439112)

12.00 Profiles of Nature: The Water-Raiders Footage of the white egret, Arctic tern, osprey and heron catching marine life (r) (74773)

12.30pm Sesame Street. Today's guests on the early-learning series are the actress Carol Channing and singers En Vogue (47334)

1.30 Lift Off. Animation and live action (23537)

2.00 FILM: Alf's Button Afloat (1938, b/w) starring the Crazy Gang as buskers who are tricked into joining the navy. However, one of them summons up the genie from Aladdin's lamp to provide wine, women and song. With Alistair Sim. Directed by Marcel Varnel (978518)

3.35 The City (b/w). A Post Office short (4471204)

4.00 Maiden Voyages: USA. Noreen Hurlin from Halifax hires a 48-foot rig to travel the highways of California (r) (s) (995)

4.30 Fifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (179)

5.00 The Nick Last Monday's documentary on the men and women of Gipton police station (r) (Teletext) (s) (1315)

6.00 Blossom (r) (Teletext) (s) (604)

6.30 Happy Days. Richie and Arlene resolve their differences for prom night (r) (Teletext) (624)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (285518)

7.50 You Don't Know Me But . . . (434686)

8.00 Class Action. A report from Northern Ireland on the combined forces of opposition to integrated education (1792)

8.30 Brookside. The Farnhams christen Alice. (Teletext) (s) (7599)

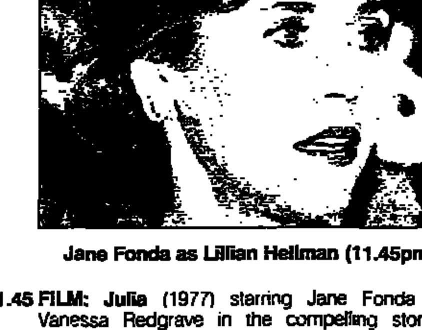
9.00 Gardens Without Borders. Alan Mason visits France in the company of a group of amateur gardeners (r). (Teletext) (3995)

9.30 Paris: Le Critique Second of a six-part comedy *series starring Alexei Sayle as Degout, a struggling* artist in 1920s Paris. With Windsor Davies. (Teletext) (s) (60482)

10.00 Cheers. Award-winning comedy series starring Ted Danson (r). (Teletext) (75402)

10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back With Jackie Collins, Germaine Greer and Max Bygraves (s) (653518)

11.10 Eurotrash. Jean-Paul Gaultier and Antoine de Caunes celebrate the seamy underbelly of European life (s) (244044)



Jane Fonda as Lillian Hellman (11.45pm)

11.45 FILM: Julia (1977) starring Jane Fonda and Vanessa Redgrave in the compelling story of playwright Lillian Hellman's awakening in the 1930s to the growing threat of Nazism through the persecution of her childhood friend, Julia. Directed by Fred Zinnemann (36275088)

1.55am FILM: Horse Feathers (1932, b/w) starring the Marx Brothers as unlikely college football stars. Directed by Norman Z McLeod (5199025). Ends at **3.10**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.55pm The Young Doctors (89511063) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (2121315) **5.10-5.40** Weekend (9720889) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (435266) **10.30** Anglia News (121044) **10.40** John Stapleton Tonight (175088) **11.40** MacGyver (265537) **12.40am** The Stuff (191754) **2.15** Whale On (6236464) **3.10** Noisy Mothers (7297358) **4.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (21598613) **4.35-5.30** The New Music (5187919)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55pm A Country Practice (89511063) **2.20** Fashion File (53185889) **2.50-3.20** Travel Trails (1409808) **3.25-3.30** Central News (6877808) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games and Videos (9720889) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (435266) **10.40** Central Weekend (8269686) **12.10am** Up Pompeii (686087) **1.50** Whale On (8948445) **2.50** The Big E (8474629) **3.45** Jobfinder (726532) **5.20-5.30** *Asian Eye* (8395803)

GRANADA

As Scottish except: 12.55 Home and Away (8938518) 1.25 Simply Delicious (81193889) **1.55** Brand New Life (6602266) **2.50-3.20** Gardeners' Diary (1409808) **3.30-3.45** The Magic House (4686599) **5.10-5.40** Take the High Road (9720889) **6.25** Granada Tonight (197063) **6.50** Kick Off (934641) **7.00-7.30** Catchphrase (4402) **10.35** Wired (91642599) **12.40am** The Stuff (191754) **2.15** Whale On (6236464) **3.10** Noisy Mothers (7297358) **4.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (21598613) **4.35-5.30** The New Music (5187919)

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.55pm Take the High Road (49814155) **2.25-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (2208518) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (9720889) **5.55** Home and Away (772537) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (435266) **10.40** The Omen (29871063) **12.40am** The Stuff (191754) **2.15** Whale On (6236464) **3.10** Noisy Mothers (7297358) **4.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (21598613) **4.35-5.30** The New Music (5187919)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (435266) **7.30-8.00** Coronation Street (266)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (2595686) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (1036976) **1.55** A Country Practice (89511063) **2.20** Take the High Road (53185863) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (1409808) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (6877808) **5.10** Home and Away (9720889) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes — Your Story (746353) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (50565) **10.00** News at Ten; Weather (77860) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (121044) **10.40** Rescue India Juliet (412792) **11.10** Eurythmics (287624) **12.10am** Def Leppard — Live at Don Valley Stadium (686087) **1.50** Noisy Mothers *(8948445)* **2.50** *The New Music* (9140280) **3.50** America's Top Ten (97415759) **4.20** Cue the Music (6259629) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (42484)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 12.20pm Westcountry News (1045624) **12.25-12.30** My Story (1044995) **1.55** Travel Trails (49814155) **2.25-2.55** Gardeners' Diary (53177860) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (6877808) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9720889) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (50565) **10.30** Westcountry News; Weather (121044) **10.40** The Hound of the Baskervilles (29871063) **12.40am** The Stuff (191754) **2.15** Whale On (6236464) **3.10** Noisy Mothers (7297358) **4.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (21598613) **4.35-5.30** The New Music (5187919)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55pm A Country Practice (89511063) **2.20** Murder, She Wrote (2218995) **3.10** Help Yourself (6872353) **3.15-3.20** Five Minutes (6871624) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9720889) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (428841) **6.30-7.00** On Your Marks (222) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (121044) **10.40** Rock of the North (175088) **11.40** Cat Creature (707228) **1.05am** Whale On (4474193) **2.05** The Big E *(6230280)* **3.00** *Bandolero!* (948071) **4.45** On the Live Side (82581613). **5.00-5.30** Sprockets (42464)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (46537) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (94537) **9.30** Ysgolion/schools (439112) **12.00** Profiles of Nature: The Water-Raiders (74773) **12.30pm** Slot Meithrin Ty Chwith (24266) **1.00** Sesame Street (12421) **2.00** Scrimpers (8226) **2.30** Danger Within (80234745) **4.20** Deputy Dawg (7573266) **4.30** Boy Meets World: Risky Business (179) **5.00** 5 Pump — Uned 5 (2808) **5.30** Fifteen to One (131) **6.00** Newyddion 6/ News (192518) **6.20** Heno (426889) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (2044) **7.30** Dim Cliw (808) **8.00** Gwlad Moc (1792) **8.30** Newyddion/news (7589) **9.00** Materion Tramor? (3995) **9.30** Jac Ar.Y Boca (60482) **10.00** Brookside (75402) **10.30** Clive Anderson Talks Back (653518) **11.10** Eurotrash (244044) **11.45** Julia (36275088) **1.55am** Horse Feathers (5199025)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat (71946650) **8.40** Cartoons (8575841) **9.30** Card Sharks (9210228) **9.55** Concentration (9228247) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (2974686) **10.30** Candid Camera (25421) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (70518) **12.00** Urban Peasant (16773) **12.30pm** E Street (66266) **1.00** Falcon Crest (54421) *2.00 Hart to Hart (48421) 3.00 Class Of '96* (9322266) **3.50** DJ Kat (3404150) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (5773) **6.00** Gamesworld (5266) **6.30** Spellbound (6518) **7.00** E Street (6402) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5402) **8.00** Andrew Newton (5150) **8.30** Coppers (1957) **9.00** Chicago Hope (64222) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (72841) **11.00** David Letterman (428044) **11.45** Booker (343518) **12.45** Barney Miller (67367) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (92990)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (1012957) **9.30** Worldwide (53792) **10.30** Nightline (23083) **1.30pm** CBS this Morning (63179) **2.30** Parliament (77315) **3.30** The Lords (7624) **5.05** Littlejohn (331976) **9.30** *Financial Times* Reports (44044) **11.30** CBS News (41518) **12.30am** ABC News (37919) **1.00** Newswatch (1000884) **1.10** Littlejohn (1834025) **2.10** Newswatch (5128174) **2.30** Parliament (59209) **3.30** The Lords (54754) **4.30** CBS News (76006) **5.30** ABC News (58890)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (2400624)
10.00 Radio Flyer (1992): Sci-fi thriller (60082) **12.00 Once Upon a Dead Man** (1971): Comedy (52624) **2.00pm Coal Miner's Daughter** (1980): Drama (78918995) **4.05 Bank Shot** (1974). Caper comedy (35076570) **6.00 Radio Flyer**: As 10am (83957) **8.00 Out On a Limb** (1992): Comedy (54129570) **9.40 US Top Ten** (417605) **10.00 Death Ring** (1991): Action (566334) **11.35 Karate Cop** (1992): Action drama (783334) **1.10am A Nightmare in the Daylight** (1992): Thriller (970864) **2.45 For the Love of My Child** (1993): Drama (150890) **4.15 Out on a Limb**: As 8.00am (151964)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm The Harder They Fall (1956): Drama (79063) **8.00 Strangers When We Meet** (1960): Melodrama (80808) **10.00-12.00 Return of Sabata** (1971): Spaghetti western (32773)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Sands of the Desert (1960): Drama (77268) **8.00 Rover Dangerfield** (1992): Cartoon (37315) **10.00 The Perils of Pauline** (1947): Comedy (66624) **12.00 Yabba-Dabba Doo Celebration:** The Flintstones (50266) **2.00pm To Catch a Yeti** (1993): Adventure (94063) **4.00 Rover Dangerfield**. As 8am (57692860) **5.45 The Odd Couple** (1968): Comedy (16596716) **7.30 The Movie Show** (8112) **8.00 Shining Through** (1992): *Drama* (71456452) **10.15 Children of the Corn II** (1993). Thriller sequel (554599) **11.50 Passed Away** (1992). Black comedy (786421) **1.30am Party Favors** (1990): Erotic comedy (7906290) **2.55 Woman on the Ledge** (1989): Drama (138777) **4.30 To Catch a Yeti** (1993): As 2pm (36209)

● **For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (6508421) **7.15** Rugby Union (39643353) **9.30** Aerobics (55247) **10.00** Solheim Cup (68711) **12.00** Aerobics (15470) **12.30pm** Football: Chelsea v FK Austria *(69518)* **2.30** Golf (20421) **3.30** Grass Roots Rugby (6150) **4.00** American Sport (16711) **5.00** NBA (8570) **5.30** World Soccer (5421) **6.00** Soccer Weekend (67082) **7.00** Basketball (263131) **9.30** Andy Gray (37860) **10.30** Soccer (26247) **11.00** Soccer Weekend (47529) **12.00-2.30am** Rugby Union (249716)

SKY SPORTS 2

6.00am Women's Golf Solheim Cup — Live (4092792) **9.00** Gillette World Sport Special (5062624) **8.30** ATP Tennis (5041131) **9.00** World Cup Golf (4080957) **10.00-12.00** Women's Golf Solheim Cup (9482247)

EUROSPORT

8.30am Step Aerobics (23150) **9.00** Triathlon (23773) **10.00** Eurofun (21266) **11.00** Tennis (94599) **11.30** Snooker (95228) **12.00** Football (96082) **2.00pm** Live Tennis (6888824) **6.30** International Motorsports Report (30808) **7.30** Eurosport News (69808) **9.00** Boxing (21131) **11.00** Wrestling (22995) **12.00** Superbike (11532) **1.00-1.30** Eurosport News (27777)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Travel Destinations (5515247) **12.30pm** Kids Down Under (5772518) **1.00** Alaska Video Postcards (8214268) **1.30** Hawaii Cooks (5771889) **2.00** Dive Miami (5042860) **2.30** Peter Franey's Cooking in America (6064624) **3.00** Round Trip (5061995) **3.30** Mansions (6036841) **4.00** Travel (6055976) **4.30** Kids Down Under (6044860) **5.00** Hawaii Cooks (5033112) **5.30-6.00** Cooking in America (6035112)



Sissy Spacek in *Coal Miner's Daughter* (Sky Movies 2.00pm)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (5505860) **8.30** Peyton Place (5504131) **9.00** As the World Turns (2782150) **10.00** Guiding Light (6214088) **11.00-12.30** Another World (6577624)

TLC

9.00am Joy of Painting (7699957) **9.30** Simply Delicious Fish (1142860) **10.00** Life is for Living (4530518) **10.30** Locking up Women (1040315) **11.30** Life Begins at 14 (5342228) **12.00** Divorcing Daddy (7602421) **12.30pm** Work in Progress (1153876) **1.00** Simply Delicious Fish (5040711) **1.30** Joy of Painting (1162247) **2.00** Parents Talking (1429228) **2.30** Discovering Psychology (9805470) **3.00** Cyril Fletcher (1431063) **3.30-4.00** Running Repairs (6348215)

UK GOLD

7.00am Sullivans (8229599) **7.30** Neighbours (8231334) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (9779976) **8.30** EastEnders (9778247) **9.00** The Bill (9789599) **9.30** All Creatures (5473402) **10.30** Casualty (88067228) **11.35** Sullivans (19742792) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (9772063) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1097808) **1.00** EastEnders (8211570) **1.30** The Bill (1096179) **2.00** Are You Being Served? (8682773) **2.30** Rosie (9612857) **3.00** Knots Landing (3700808) **4.00** Dynasty (3789215) **5.00** Every Second Counts (4261247) **5.35** Top of the Pops (6735686) **5.55** Terry and June (6935792) **6.30** EastEnders (9637266) **7.00** Are You Being Served? (8893889) **7.30** And Mother Makes Five (9626150) **8.00** Hazell (6976131) **9.00** Casualty (6996995) **10.00** The Bill (9773792) **10.30** Top of the Pops (1071808) **11.15** Carrott Confidential (4453044) **11.55** Dr Who (7858179) **12.25** FILM. Film: Across the Pacific. War adventure (6406990) **2.10-3.00** Shopping (9288990)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Ratkan III (4745353) **6.15** Bobobobs (939044) **6.45** Casper (938315) **7.15** Head to Head (6950808) **7.25** Garfield and Friends (1763773) **7.55** Saved by the Bell (62) (5865599) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (2780112) **8.40** Tifou (8987711) **8.50** Cococinel (3827402) **10.00** Teddy Trucks (18889) **11.00** Kitty Cats (34131) **11.30** Barney and Friends (35860) **12.00** Ratkan III (50228) **12.30pm** Head to Head (16638353) **12.40** Garfield and Friends (4915792) **1.10** Saved by the Bell (14958334) **1.40** Super Mario Brothers (54183334) **1.50** Tifou (54189518) **2.00** Babar (8044) **2.30** Blinky Bill (3605) **3.00** Tic Tac Toons (3816402) **3.10** Around the World (5252402) **3.45** The Bots Master (558228) **4.15** Head to Head (1707537) **4.30-5.00** Halfway Across the Galaxy (3841)

NICKELODEON

7.00am *Tic Tac Toons (19421)* **7.30** *Grimmy* (3128334) **7.45** Rugrats (309889) **8.15** Ren and Stimpy (7429632) **8.30** Slimer and the Real Ghostbusters (36624) **9.00** Nick Jr (403082) **12.00** Pee Wee's Playhouse (15452) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (57605) **1.00** Doug (16792) **1.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (56976) **2.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (5860) **2.30** Smoggies (9247) **3.00** Slimer and the Real Ghostbusters (4995) **3.30** Where is Carmen Sandiego? (4792) **4.00** Grimmy (3529) **4.30** Rugrats (2711) **5.00** Clarissa Explains it All (6112) **5.30** Doug (3063) **6.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (8696) **6.30** Joe 90 (1228)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Kookaburras (9634179) **4.30** Natural Causes (9623063) **5.00** Guide to the Orient (8804995) **5.30** New Explorers (9614315) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (1063841) **7.00** Search for Adventure (6998353) **8.00** *Fat Man in Argentina* (6974773) **9.00** The Secrets of Treasure Islands (3776841) **9.30** Coral Reef (1075686) **10.00** High Five (9771334) **10.30** Lifeboat (9780082) **11.00-12.00** Wings of the Red Star (8236889)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM **The Battle of the Sexes** (1960). Comedy (1085334) **1.30pm** Mothers-in-Law (1081247) **2.00** Avengers (3038044) **3.00** My Three Sons (8896976) **3.30** Beverly Hillbillies (9602570) **4.00** FILM. Master of the World (1961) Adventure (1075957) **5.30** Drama Classics (9601841) **6.00** Get Smart (9631082) **6.30** Edgar Wallace (6624402) **7.30** Saber of London (9628518) **8.00** Avengers (6978599) **9.00** Time Tunnel (6981063) **10.00-12.00** FILM The Blood of Fu Manchu (1968) Karate (3794247)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (2455976) **7.00** Living Magazine (1636614) **8.00** Fighting Back (7694402) **8.30** The Truth about Women (7693773) **9.00** Floyd on Britain and Ireland *(7705044)* **9.35** *Definition (4901624)* **10.00** Trivia Trap (4525686) **10.30** Susan Powter (7613537) **11.00** Young and Restless (3518976) **11.55** Fashion (2057266) **12.30pm** Practical Living (34731888) **12.45** Kilroy (4387808) **1.30** Going to Pot (1147315) **2.00** Agony Hour (4526315) **3.00** Living Magazine (4712745) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (46748315) **4.00** Infatuation (9005678) **4.30** Definition (57143150) **4.55** Reluctant Cook (3276773) **5.30** Kate and Allie (9100222) **6.00** Maternal World (2350745) **6.30** Mr and Mrs (8655137) **7.00** Living Magazine (4193995) **8.00** Young and Restless (4179315) **9.00** FILM LA Bounty: Thriller (80377044) **10.40** Gladrags and Glamour (9519624) **11.00** The Susan Powter Show (5351976) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation (4514570)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm The Adventures of Tintin (2624) **5.30** Motormouth (52605) **6.30** Through the Keyhole (5686) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (2860) **7.30** Mighty Jungle (4570) **8.00** Road to Avonlea (82266) **9.00** Moonlighting (62402) **10.00** Catchphrase (51957) **10.30** GP (60605) **11.00** Lou Grant (19518) **12.00** Rhoda (59667) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (13977) **1.00** Family Catchphrase (66667) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit II (97071) **2.00** Moonlighting (57193) **3.00** Lou Grant (71822) **4.00** Rhoda (92629) **4.30-5.00** The Mighty Jungle (47532)

MTV

6.00am On the Wildside (35063) **7.30** Grind (14063) **8.00** Wildside (80131) **9.00** VJ Ingo (812452) **12.00** Soul (89228) **1.00pm** Greatest Hits (98976) **2.00** Afternoon Mix (189605) **4.30** Coca-Cola Report (5045781) **4.45** Cinematic (2627606) **5.00** News (7935624) **5.15** Three from One (4346044) **5.30** Dial (6179) **6.00** Music Non-Stop (83995) **8.00** Greatest Hits (84624) **9.00** Most Wanted (57082) **10.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (62063) **11.00** Coca-Cola Report (105266) **11.15** Cinematic (195889) **11.30** News (172063) **11.45** Three from One (177518) **12.00** Party Zone (68464) **2.00am** Chill Out Zone (59551) **3.00** Grind (48261) **3.30** Night Videos (513803)

VH-1

7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (9664709) **9.00** Café VH-1 (1596537) **12.00** The Bridge (6422995) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (6561063) **2.30** Heart and Soul (8887353) **3.30** Into the Music (7973860) **6.00** Prime Cuts (5782995) **7.00** For You (4086131) **8.00** Soul (4002179) **9.00** Ten of the Best (4082315) **10.00** Old Saturday Night Live (5518334) **10.30** Old Grey Whistle Test (5527082) **11.00** Around and Around (3064565) **12.00** Nightfly (5014551) **2.00** Prime Cuts (1369667) **3.00** VH-1 Soul (8494700) **4.00** Ten of the Best (8841025) **5.00** Dawn Patrol (8500464)

TV ASIA

7.00am Asian Morning (26808) **9.00** Serial: Din (81711) **10.00** Pakistani Movie (117204) **1.00** New serial (29995) **1.30pm** Hindi Movie (939957) **4.30** Kiddie Time (5745) **5.00-6.00** TVA and You (5957) **7.00** Bollywood Plus (6976) **7.30** Waqt episode 32 (8452) **8.00** English News (501082) **8.15** Hindi Movie (6697763) **11.15** Serial Zameen Aasman (710402) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (6361735) **1.35** Sight and Sound (29926938)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 8pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme: Conduct Unbecoming
8.00pm The Rack (1956): War thriller (33276228) **9.55 Private Potter** (1963) Drama (33107228) **11.45 Space Ghost Coast to Coast** (56019808) **12.00 The Man Who Laughs** (1966) Period drama (69158984) **1.45am The Lolly Madonna** (1973) Drama with Rod Steiger and Jeff Bridges (65887984) **3.45 A Time to Sing** (1968) Drama with Hank Williams Jr (37913938)

CNN/CMT/QVC

CNN has 24-hour news coverage, CMT has country music from 5am to 7pm and QVC is the home shopping channel

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Confusion over net arrangements

England forced to abandon first practice session

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE England cricket team was forced to cut short the first practice session of its three and a half month tour in Perth, Australia, yesterday because of a lack of hired help. Keith Fletcher, the England manager, had faxed a written request before the tour began for six net bowlers to be made available at the WACA ground but not one turned up.

Fletcher had requested three leg spinners — to help the batsmen to prepare for the problems Shane Warne will present — and three seamers, but he said yesterday that the most important thing was that local bowlers would have shouldered some of the burden of the net bowling that was left to fall exclusively on the England bowlers.

A three-hour practice session had been planned but Fletcher cut it short by an hour to spare his bowlers in temperatures of 80°. The touring party had arrived from England only the previous day after a 17-hour flight. The hitch was clearly an embarrassment to Keith Slater, a member of the Western Australia Cricket Association executive committee, who is acting as the touring team's liason officer in Perth.

"I will speak to Keith again," Fletcher said yesterday, "but he said that local bowlers were difficult to get. Hopefully he will have better luck tomorrow." Fletcher added that he was "disappointed, cross because we couldn't practise as we'd wanted. It's not good enough".

Chris Smith, the Western Australian Cricket Association chief executive and former England Test batsman, said that the association had not seen Fletcher's request for net bowlers to be provided. "We had no idea what they wanted until we met them at the airport when they arrived yesterday," he said.

"From tomorrow onwards, they will have all the bowlers they need for their remaining 11 days in Perth," he said. "Whether or not we can arrange for 'leggies' remains to be seen. We do not see them here too often."

England may not have been without assistance yesterday had not many local players been involved in a match at the WACA between Western Australian Colts and the Australian Cricket Academy. "There are a number of bowlers playing in that game who I'm sure would love to be net bowlers for England," Smith said.

TheEngland fast bowlers — Malcolm, Gough, McCague, DeFreitas, Benjamin and White — won a points victory over the batsmen on net pitches that offered them help. McCague, who played several games for Western Australia four years ago, looked particularly lively and White, who has recovered from a shin injury, was delighted with his first serious spell of bowling since August 1.

Bruce Reid, the Western Australia left-arm fast bowler, hopes to rejuvenate a Test career that has been plagued by injury during England's visit. Reid, who missed most of last season after undergoing a shoulder operation, came through a limited-overs domestic fixture last weekend without any difficulty. He now hopes to be able to play for his state against England in a one-day match next Thursday and a four-day game between the sides starting on October 29.

Reid helped Australia to retain the Ashes when England last toured four years ago, claiming figures of 13 for 148 in the Melbourne Test. If he can prove his form and fitness, Australia, who are short of high-quality fast bowlers, are bound to look in his direction again.

McCague returns to old stamping ground ... **Page 44**
Steady Houghton ... **Page 44**



Devon Malcolm, the England fast bowler, eases himself through net practice in Perth yesterday



MUZAMMIL PASHA

Jonty Rhodes celebrates as Dave Richardson, the South Africa wicketkeeper, runs out Inzamam-ul-Haq in the one-day match against Pakistan in Rawalpindi yesterday. Pakistan won by 39 runs. Report, page 44

McLaren transfer to Ibrox runs into problems

BY KEVIN MCCARRA

RANGERS' attempt to sign the Heart of Midlothian defender, Alan McLaren, yesterday reached an impasse. A deal that would have seen the Edinburgh club receiving £1¼ million plus two of the Ibrox players, Dave McPherson and Neil Murray, had been agreed in principle. The makeweights in the deal, however, refused to co-operate.

Tommy McLean, the Hearts manager, says that negotiations quickly stalled since he was unable to meet the demands made by the players' agent. In addition to substantial wages and signing-on fees, McPherson, who will be 31 in January, is rumoured to have been seeking a four-year-contract. The players are, in any case, thought to be reluctant to leave Rangers.

McLean did not see any possibility of the transfer being completed in the near future, but David Murray, the Rangers chairman, still hopes that an agreement can be reached.

Murray has recently stated that the £8 million overdraft is not a real impediment to the rebuilding of the club's squad. To confound doubters, though, he may have to find the finance to offer £1.7 million for McLaren.

Rangers have tried to cut a burdensome wage bill and bring in cash. They have raised a £1 million by selling Gary Stevens to Tranmere Rovers and Steven Pressley to Coventry City. Ian Durrant and Duncan Ferguson are also on loan to Everton. Offloading players, however, is a difficult task given the lucrative contracts held at Ibrox.

Life is more rigorous elsewhere, but two Dundee United players were yesterday successful in retrieving confiscated money. An appeals committee of the Scottish Football League decided that Gary Bollan should be refunded the £100 fine imposed by the club after a 5-0 defeat at Easter Road in August. Bollan, a substitute, had only played for the last few minutes.

The committee also ruled that the fine of two weeks' wages imposed on Alan Main, the United goalkeeper, after a dressing-room argument, should be halved.

United's task, page 45

Mixed reaction greets sport's sign of the times

David Miller reports from Monte Carlo on the technological advances that will add an extra dimension to stadium advertising

A technological breakthrough in television transmission, discussed here this week, is about to unleash substantial new commercial opportunities for sport — and, simultaneously, a legal and moral minefield.

At the Sportel Symposium — a television fair attracting 300 worldwide broadcasters, programme makers and syndicates — Legardere, a French development company, demonstrated the scope, available from next year, for superimposing different sponsors' names on advertising boards, during live transmission, appropriate to the audience and the local sponsor in different receiving countries. For example: an FA Cup tie in England, with ground advertising boards for a British insurance company and/or beer, could carry different, superimposed advertisements in Sweden, Hong Kong and South Africa. Bridges over the motor racing track at Silverstone could have different sponsors' names in the respective transmission to Australia, Italy or Brazil. The acronym for the system is Epsis — substitute publicity space for information signs.

Yet before the presentation here had even finished, the argument had begun about who would own the rights: the event owner-promoter, the broadcast rights holder, or the home contracted sponsor?

Neil Pilson, of CBS, a leading network broadcaster of figure skating, for instance, suggested that the rights belonged to the broadcaster. Many disagree.

Peter Sproggis, an executive negotiator for ISL, the marketing agents for the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and Fifa, the world governing body of football, is emphatic that control rests with the event organiser.

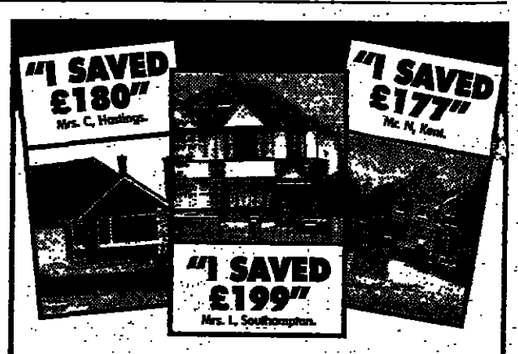
"The first party is the federation, so it doesn't matter what television wants," he insisted. "There must be satisfactory contracts drawn up for all parties, respecting existing restrictions [for example, Advertising Standards Authority regulations on tobacco]. Federations will have the ultimate right to decide if Epsis is used or not."

Boris Stankovic, the general secretary of the international basketball federation (Fiba), is enthusiastic. "We would start tomorrow," he said. "It opens a whole new field of marketing potential." One of the conspicuous advantages, of course, is that roman alphabet advertisements are meaningless in, for example, China, Japan, Russia and Arab-speaking countries. Similarly, "Vauxhall" means nothing in countries buying "Opel".

Fiba's television rights contract is with the European Broadcasting Union, whose representative, Richard Bunn, is cautious. "I think there will be many legal difficulties," he said, "and it is unlikely that anything will happen for two or three years."

Istvan Gyulai, the general secretary of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), is provisionally optimistic. "Obviously ISL, our consultants, will analyse the possibilities," he said. "The initiative is interesting, opening up new areas of marketing."

The IOC, meanwhile, is adamant that it is not interested and will continue with advertising-free arenas for the Olympic Games.



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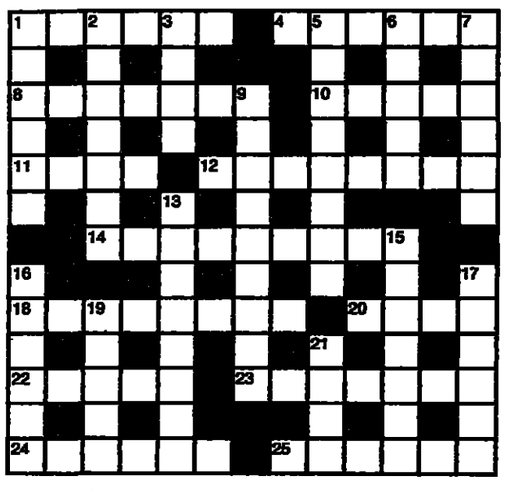
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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 298

ACROSS
1 Proud: excellent (6)
4 Pass on (information) (6)
8 Largest UK country (7)
10 Robust (5)
11 Welsh emblem (4)
12 Card game: gold coin (8)
14 London square (9)
18 Prairie state, capital Springfield (8)
20 A long way off (4)
22 Veracity (5)
23 Believes about to happen (7)
24 Work over old material (6)
25 Wrestling hold: Lancs. town (6)

DOWN
1 Decorous (6)
2 Colouring-matter (7)
3 (Horse) with coat sprinkled with white (4)
5 Chinese tile game (3-5)
6 Concur (5)
7 Tiresome: having a go (6)
9 Make into a play (9)
13 Initiates: motor-boats (8)
15 Adjust camera (for distance of image) (7)
16 Conqueror (6)
17 Place of confinement (6)
19 Express amusement (5)
21 Domed recess (church) (4)

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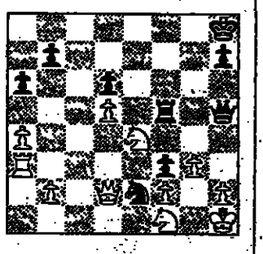
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Bakinskaite - Voronova, Vilnius 1985.

Black is a piece down, but has a winning breakthrough on the kingside. How should he continue?



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WORD WATCH

By Philip Howard

HEMERA
a. Geological period
b. Poison ivy berry
c. A Greek Fate

MANZELLO
a. A type of buffalo cheese
b. The soprano saxophone
c. A gondolier's cloak

KIAAT
a. A venomous tree snake
b. A Malaysian junk
c. An African hardwood

MURUT
a. A Borneo tribesman
b. A crimson animal dye
c. A revolutionary

Answers on page 44